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No U.K. Winner, Exit Polls Show Tories Appear in the Lead, But Without New Majority

LONDON — British voters declined on Thursday to give either the Conservative government or the left-of-center Labor Party an overall majority in parliamentary elections, according to television exit polls.

If neither party wins an overall majority of at least 326 seats in the 651-seat House of Commons, the result would be a hung Parliament.

The BBC said that allowing for the margin of error in its exit poll, it was difficult to say whether the Conservatives or Labor would finish with the largest number of seats. But it said the Conservatives appeared to have the best chance of being the largest party in the Commons.

Independent Television News projected the Conservatives, led by Prime Minister John Major, winning 305 seats, 21 short of a majority. It projected Labor, led by Neil Kinnock, with 294 seats, and the third-party Liberal Democrats with 25 seats.

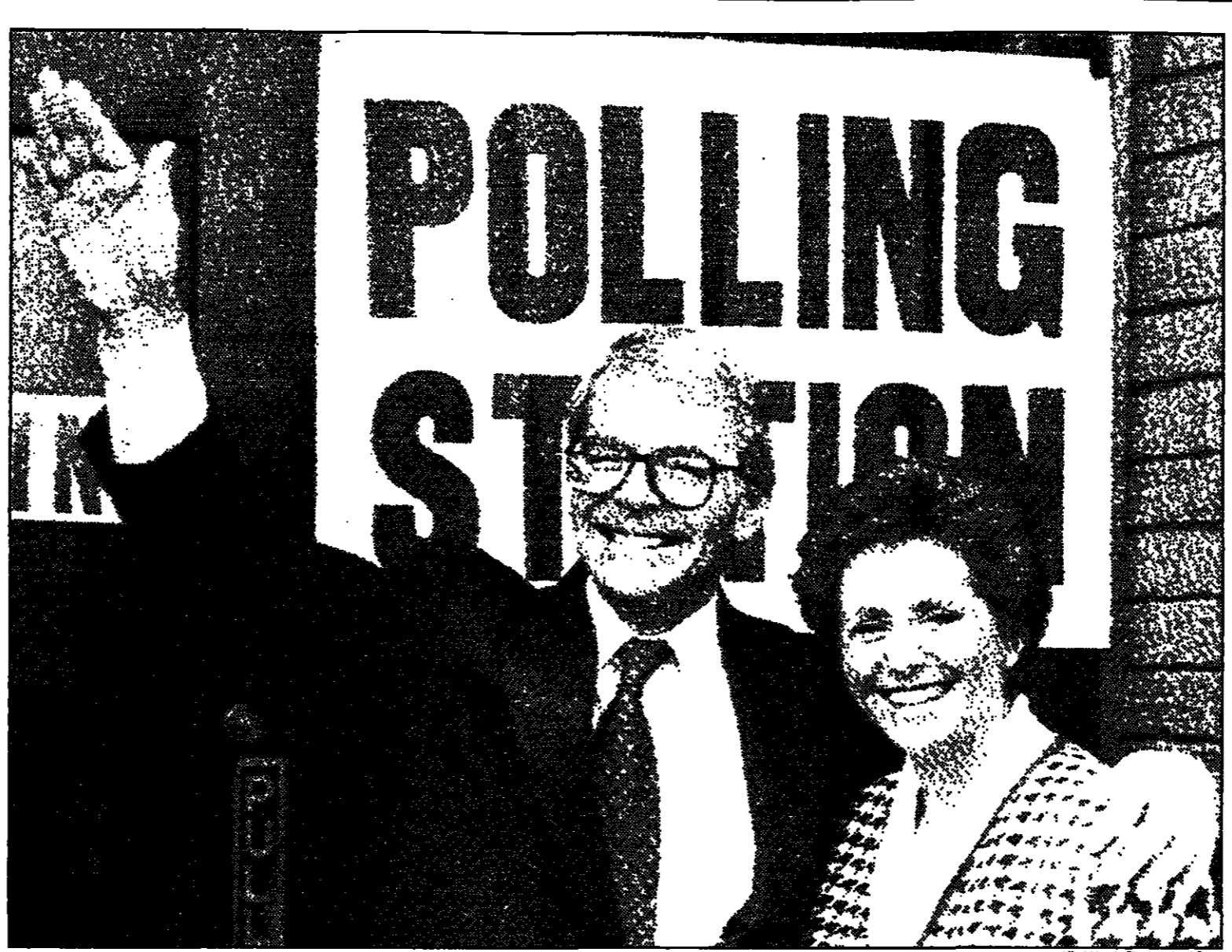
The Conservatives had held a majority of almost 100 seats in the old Parliament.

Exit polls were announced just after voting ended. The official result will not be clear until sometime Friday in what may be the closest British election since World War II.

The BBC said its exit poll projected that the Conservatives would win 301 seats in Commons. The BBC projected 298 seats for Labor and 24 for the Liberal Democrats.

Nick Moon, director of political research for the BBC poll, said that projection could be wrong by as many as 15 seats either way.

Two newspaper polls put Labor ahead of the Conservatives, although both polls still showed a hung Parliament. An exit poll of 25,300 voters for the Sun newspaper showed Labor winning 307 seats, the Conservatives 302, and the Liberal Democrats 18. The Sun



Prime Minister John Major waving to supporters with his wife, Norma, after they voted in Hittingdon in the British election on Tuesday.

Ukraine and Russia Agree to Talk on Fleet

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Service

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine — Ukraine and Russia stepped back from a major political and territorial confrontation Thursday by agreeing to suspend their unilateral moves on the disputed Black Sea Fleet and to begin negotiations on dividing it up.

The agreement, reached in telephone calls between President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine and the Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, comes after two days of mounting tension in this Crimean Peninsula port that serves as the fleet's home.

Reports that militia groups were on their way from Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, to take over naval installations here had led fleet commanders to send military police supported by armored personnel carriers into the streets of Sevastopol.

Earlier, some naval units had begun to carry out Mr. Yeltsin's order to raise the czarist flag of St. Andrew, recently adopted by Russian naval forces. Mr. Yeltsin issued his order Tuesday in response to a decree by Mr. Kravchuk announcing the formation of a Ukrainian Navy based in the Crimea, a Russian-populated area that was ceded to Ukraine by Moscow in 1954 for largely administrative reasons.

"If we look at this in formal terms, Yeltsin's decree puts Ukraine in a state of war with Russia," said Dmitriy Pavlichko, a member of the high-level Ukrainian delegation sent to Sevastopol to take over the fleet.

"The fleet is Ukrainian property," he said.

Mr. Pavlichko said that at one point on Wednesday Ukrainian leaders threatened to pull out of the Commonwealth of Independent States if Moscow went

Miami Jurors Find Noriega Guilty on 8 Of 10 Charges

Bush Hails Conviction, Calling It 'Major Victory Against the Drug Lords'

MIAMI — Manuel Antonio Noriega was convicted on 8 of 10 drug and racketeering charges Thursday, two years after he gave himself up to U.S. military authorities in Panama.

The former Panamanian leader was found guilty of two major counts of racketeering and racketeering conspiracy and of six lesser charges. The eight counts carry a maximum sentence of 120 years; sentencing was set for July 10.

He was acquitted of two lesser charges, cocaine distribution and conspiracy to import cocaine.

The defense said it would appeal.

President George Bush called the conviction "a major victory against the drug lords."

"I hope it sends a lesson to drug lords here and around the world they will pay a price if they continue to poison the lives of our kids in this country or anywhere else," Mr. Bush said at a Washington meeting with President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro of Nicaragua.

Mr. Noriega's attorney, Frank Rubino, said in a bitter statement that an appeal would be based on issues including the former leader's prisoner-of-war status and the invasion of Panama.

He said the U.S. government, "in its self-appointed role as world policeman," had sent fit "to invade a foreign country and seize its leader."

"This, in our opinion, is the modern-day version of the Crusades, that the United States will now trample across the entire world, imposing its will upon so-called independent, sovereign nations. Unless the foreign governments are willing to kneel once a day and face Washington and give grace to George Bush, they, too, may be in the same posture as General Noriega."

There was no visible reaction from Mr. Noriega or the jurors as the verdicts were read. In the row behind the defense, two of Mr. Noriega's daughters wept while his wife, Felicidad, stared forward without expression.

His trial was the first of a former head of state in a U.S. courtroom. It lasted seven months, during which the government painstakingly built its case against a deposed leader whom it called "a small man in a general's uniform" and "just another crooked cop."

The verdict came after nearly 36 hours of deliberation over five days, and just one day after jurors told the court they were deadlocked.

U.S. District Judge William Hoelwer thanked the prosecutors and defense lawyers, saying: "Both sides have presented one of the best-prepared cases I've ever been involved in."

Judge Hoelwer called Mr. Noriega to the podium and officially adjudicated him guilty on the eight counts on which he had been convicted.

Mr. Noriega stood silently at Mr. Rubino's side, wearing a khaki four-star general's uniform.

Ricardo Lasso, a legal adviser to the Panamanian Embassy in Washington who monitored the trial, said he was disappointed.

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Several Cossacks in traditional garb attending the Congress of People's Deputies session on Thursday in Moscow. The Congress, the Russian parliament, adopted a statement expressing concern over human-rights violations in the former Soviet republic of Moldova.

Clinton Will Look Better Against Bush, Aides Say

By E. J. Dionne Jr.
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's advisers, grappling with what they acknowledge are serious voter doubts about their candidate's character, believe that they found a clue to solving it amid the chaotic and generally unifying New York primary campaign.

For one day, said Stanley Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's pollster, the Arkansas governor managed to rise above the charges and countercharges. It was the day he gave a major foreign policy address, which just happened to coincide, to the hour, with President George Bush's announcement of a foreign aid program for Russia.

Suddenly, Mr. Clinton was running not against himself but against the president of the United States.

"It's clearly a signal to a larger strategy," said Mr. Greenberg, "which is to get on a larger stage with George Bush rather than into the muck with Jerry Brown."

Despite his four-state sweep on Tuesday, Mr. Clinton has found himself dealing once again with the good news, bad news pattern that his campaign has followed — winning primaries but leaving behind exit polls showing that half or more of the voters do not trust him.

A campaign consultant, James Carville, said his mission for the next few weeks would be to "do a better job of telling people what Bill Clinton stands for and what kind of president he would be," a task he admitted that would not be easy.

There will be a lot for Mr. Carville and his Clinton comrades to slug against, according to Tuesday's exit polls. Nearly half of New York's Democratic primary voters said Mr. Clinton lacked the "honesty and integrity" to be president, and the

Paul Tsongas says he will not rejoin the Democratic race. Page 5.

independent candidacy of the Texas businessman H. Ross Perot gained strong support among Mr. Clinton from supporters of the Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. and Paul E. Tsongas.

Equally worrisome for Mr. Clinton and his advisers is the fact that the demand for new Democratic presidential candidates keeps rising as Mr. Clinton keeps winning and the Democratic field narrows. In the Southern primaries of March 10, only 42 percent of Democratic voters wanted a new candidate in the race. In Illinois a week later, 48 percent wanted a new candidate. In New York on Tuesday, the proportion rose to 66 percent.

Mr. Clinton's aides do not dismiss the importance of these figures, but argue they only tell part of the story. For one thing, they say, Mr. Clinton's difficulties are much greater in the Northeast than they

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U.S. Reduces Interest Rate to Spur Recovery

By Lawrence Malkin
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve Board eased credit Thursday in the face of a hesitant U.S. economic recovery, a new plunge on the Tokyo stock exchange and nervous financial markets. Wall Street rallied immediately.

The central bank made no formal announcement but signaled to money markets by adding enough money to the banking system to lower the federal funds rate by at least one-quarter of a percentage point, to 3.75 percent. The federal funds rate is what banks charge each other for overnight loans.

Some market specialists said the new target could be a full half-point below the 4 percent level that had prevailed since the start of the year.

This decline in the bellwether rate for the banks' wholesale cost of money is unlikely to result in important interest rate reductions for retail borrowers, unlike the aggressive cut in discount and funds rates by the Fed late in December.

But it does offer some psychological support, not least to President George Bush, who promptly said he hoped it would "guarantee that this fledgling recovery will be a little more robust."

Economists saw it in a slightly different light. "The Fed wants to assure us beyond any reasonable doubt that they do not want to abort the recovery," said Brian Keyser, economist at CRT Securities.

After plunging for two days in the wake of Tokyo's persistent declines, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped within minutes by 43 points, to 3,224. It closed at about that level, up 43.61 points to 3,224.96. Soft first-quarter corporate earnings due to be reported in the next few days will probably deflate this euphoria.

The Fed's move came too late to affect many foreign markets. Toronto also benefited from a simultaneous cut in rates by Canadian banks.

Tokyo had begun the worldwide market day with a decline of 577.38 points, to 16,598.15 on the Nikkei average, which closed below 17,000 for the first time since Nov. 7, 1986. Stock markets in Asia and Australia tracked the Nikkei.

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American Airlines Alters Fare Base

American Airlines announced on Thursday a radically different pricing structure in the United States and nearby countries that would lower regular fares while ending a number of discounts and special fares. (Page 11)

Bush Military Budget Is Unscathed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate refused Thursday to trim about \$4 billion from President George Bush's planned \$292 billion military budget for next year, handing the latest defeat to Democratic leaders trying to cut Pentagon spending.

The lawmakers rejected, 50 to 45, a proposal by Senator J. James Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, to trim Mr. Bush's military spending plan by less than 2 percent.

Mr. Exon blamed his defeat on "the military-industrial complex, which is still alive and well."

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Southeast Asia Feels the Fallout of Japan's Distress

By Michael Richardson
International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — A major contraction in Japanese investment in Southeast Asia and Australia is most likely to intensify with the plunge of Tokyo stocks and will slow regional economic growth in coming years, analysts said Thursday.

Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand are considered to be in the most vulnerable position because they are more dependent on Japan for capital and the Western Pacific, has been cutting the supply of funds as Japanese banks and companies concentrate on financial problems at home.

The contraction in investment and lending is already showing up in official statistics.

According to figures issued by the Finance Ministry in Tokyo, Japanese direct investment in countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations fell from \$4.7 billion in the fiscal year to March 1990, to \$4 billion in 1990-91 and \$1.7 billion in the first half of 1991-92, through last Sept. 30.

More recent ASEAN statistics show that the decline in Japanese investment continued in calendar 1991. Investment

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Swiss Science Gets a Handle on the Beer Belly

BOSTON — At last, science has found an explanation for one of the obvious effects of drinking too much — the beer belly.

Swiss researchers report that when people drink alcohol, their bodies burn up fat much more slowly than usual. And any fat that is not burned is stored in the stomach, the thighs or other places where people tend to put on weight.

The study suggests that it is not just the calories in alcohol that make it fattening: It is the way alcohol throws off the body's normal disposal of fat in the diet.

"This is one good explanation of why people get fat drinking alcohol," said Dr. Clifton Bogardus of the National Institutes of Health.

The study was based on an experiment in which people were put on a diet that included about three ounces (90 grams) of pure alcohol a day. This much alcohol — about six shots of whiskey or six beers — reduced their bodies' burning of fat by about one-third.

The study, directed by Dr. Paolo M. Suter of the University of Zurich, was published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine. The research is one more piece of a larger picture emerging from recent investigation of how people get fat or stay thin. It seems that fat is what makes people fat.

When people eat extra carbohydrates — sugar or starch — they tend to burn most of it, adding little to their girth. But the body burns extra fat sparingly, storing it instead.

The study found that alcohol further suppresses the body's disposal of fat, although why this happens is unclear.

The finding "points to the fact that energy balance over the long term has a lot more to do with fat balance than anything else we eat," Dr. Bogardus said. "The main way to stay thin is not to eat fat."

The study was conducted on eight men during two sessions. In one, alcohol made up 25 percent of their calories, but their total daily calories did not change. In the other, they drank enough alcohol to increase their daily calories by 25 percent.

On both diets, the men's bodies burned about one-third fewer fat calories when they drank alcohol.

The study reached one modestly positive conclusion: People who substituted alcohol for other food but did not increase their daily calories burned up slightly more calories overall than when not drinking. The reason appears to be that alcohol bolsters the metabolism.

Bush's Warning to Congress: Don't Forget Latin America

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, warning that democracy is threatened in many parts of Latin America, has urged Congress to cooperate in ensuring that the United States remains involved in the region.

A policy statement read by the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, on Wednesday underscored U.S. concern about the continuing threat to democratic civilian government posed by a recent military coup in Haiti, an unsuccessful coup attempt in Venezuela and, most recently, the assumption of dictatorial powers in Peru this week by the armed forces and President Alberto Fujimori.

"When this administration took office, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Chile were dictatorships," Miss Tutwiler said. All have successfully moved toward democracy. The war in El Salvador has been ended through negotiations, as has the war in Nicaragua. For the first time in a decade, Latin America as a whole is growing economically.

"It is also true that democracy remains fragile and threatened in many parts of the hemisphere," she said. "That is why it is very important for the United States to remain engaged in the hemisphere."

"We are frankly disappointed that Congress has been unable to be more supportive," Miss Tutwiler said.

Specifically, she said, when the administration asked for \$245 million in authority to forgive \$1 billion in debts owed to the United States by countries in the region, "not a penny was provided."

In addition, she added, many members of Congress oppose President George Bush's attempts to achieve a North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We still are optimistic about democracy in this hemisphere," she said, "but recent events in Peru, as well as those in Haiti and Venezuela, demonstrate that democracy remains embattled."

speech to members of Peru's export sector.

But Mr. Fujimori, who shut down the National Congress, arrested politicians and sent troops into the streets, made no significant announcement on re-establishing constitutional rule, as his foreign minister had promised.

Guerrillas of the Maoist Shining Path movement struck shortly after the speech with the bombing in the Villa El Salvador shanty town.

About 50 guerrillas with automatic weapons and home-made grenades attacked the police station for 30 minutes prior to the bombing.

Mr. Fujimori has accused the National Congress and the judiciary of blocking his efforts to fight the drug trade and Shining Path, which has recently moved its insurgency from the mountains into Lima.

The president dedicated most of his address to explaining why he had seized broad powers and noting the support Peruvians had shown since he took the measures.

"People voted for me to make Peru a country where authority is respected, not where people are subject to corrupt judges, corrupt politicians, bribes and crimes," Mr. Fujimori said.

He cited opinion polls that have given him up to 85 percent support for his move to dismiss corrupt judges.

Foreign Minister Augusto Blatter Miller said Tuesday that all detained politicians, who he said numbered about a dozen, would be released within two weeks.

Mr. Blatter Miller also said the emergency government foresaw a return to constitutional rule within 12 to 18 months.

Mr. Fujimori published a decree on Wednesday legitimizing his emergency government. It would modify the constitution, reorganize and eliminate corruption in the judiciary and fight guerrilla violence.

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Quayle and Skinner Used Military Jets For Golfing Trips

By Stephen Labaton
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — With Congress and the White House dueling for the political high ground in the battle over the perquisites of office, a government report has disclosed that Vice President Dan Quayle used military planes several times in the last two years to take trips with Samuel K. Skinner, mostly to play golf.

Four of the trips with Mr. Skinner, who was then transportation secretary and is now the White House chief of staff, were listed in the report, which was prepared by the Government Accounting Office and made public on Wednesday.

The fifth created a political uproar when it was disclosed last May at the same time that the White House was struggling to answer questions about personal and political trips on military planes by John H. Sununu, Mr. Skinner's predecessor as chief of staff.

Aides to Mr. Quayle and Mr. Skinner said the government had been partly reimbursed for the trips when they also involved political events, like fund-raisers and en-

dorsements, by the sponsors of those events.

But they conceded that the repayments represented a small fraction of the total cost to taxpayers of the flights.

For instance, one three-day trip to a golf and tennis tournament in Williamsburg, Virginia, in June 1990 that was listed as a political fund-raiser cost taxpayers at least \$10,989, according to congressional investigators. A spokesman for Mr. Quayle said the government was repaid \$2,742 by the sponsors of the tournament.

David C. Beckwith, a spokesman for Mr. Quayle, said the government was repaid for the cost of a commercial airline ticket plus \$1 — the standard calculation used by officials — when the vice president used the military planes for political reasons.

He said Mr. Quayle needed to use government aircraft for security and to have instant and secure communications with the White House in the event of a crisis.

Mr. Beckwith said the trips were all political fund-raisers, sometimes mixed with official business. For official and personal trips, all bills are paid by the government.

Rebels Strike in Lima, Challenging Fujimori

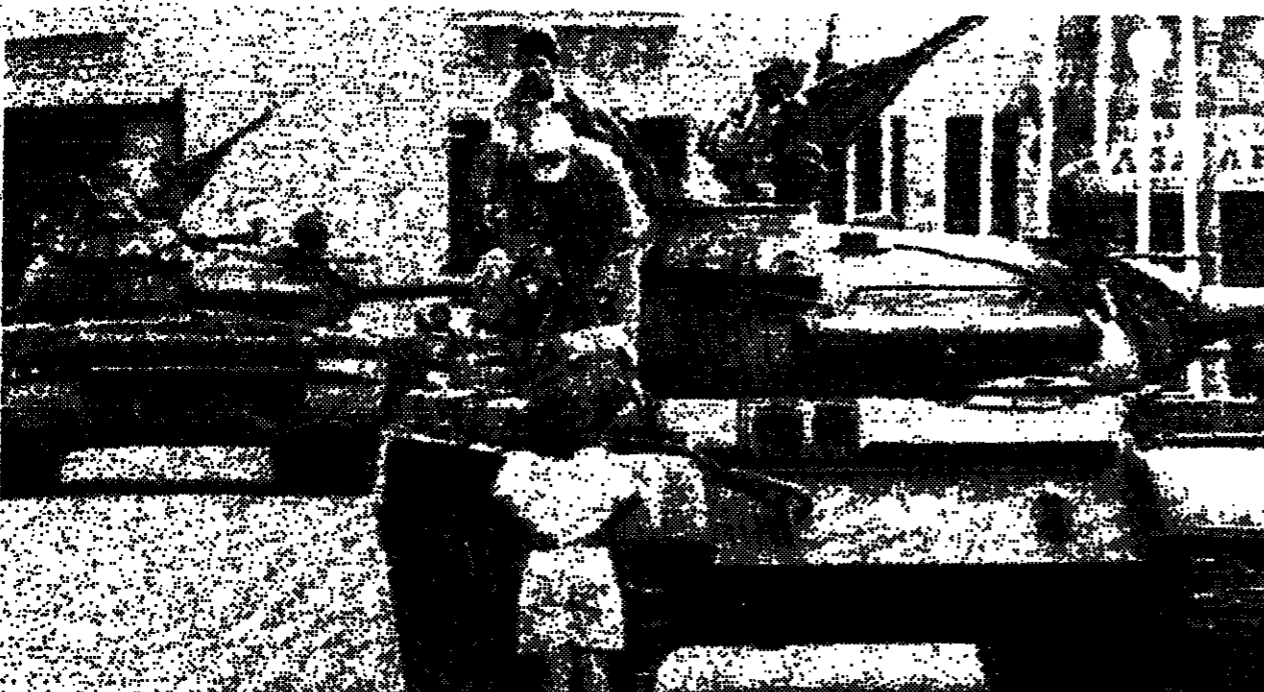
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LIMA — President Alberto Fujimori faced a spectacular show of defiance of his crackdown on violence when Maoist guerrillas drove a bus packed with dynamite into a police station here, killing three policemen and injuring at least 22 people.

The guerrillas struck Wednesday shortly after Mr. Fujimori, speaking publicly for the first time since he suspended the constitution on Sunday, declared that he had firm backing from Peruvians.

In a televised speech, Mr. Fujimori said his decision to dissolve Congress had been a popular move. He called the parliament "a dictatorship of the corrupt and inefficient."

"Go into the streets and conduct your own polls," a self-assured Mr. Fujimori said in the



A young woman talking to a crewman on a tank in Lima. Soldiers are continuing to patrol the streets around the National Congress.

Bolivian Leader Warns Legislature to Shape Up

By Douglas Farah
Washington Post Service

LA PAZ — President Jaime Paz Zamora, in a surprise warning after events in Peru, demanded that the Bolivian National Congress become more efficient to "fit" to his role.

Mr. Paz Zamora has condemned the presidential coup in Peru, where the National Congress was dissolved, but he said in the city of Sucre that Bolivia needed "efficient congressmen, not ones that spend days and weeks on stupidities."

The statements, hammered by all the newspapers in the capital on Wednesday, came as the National Congress was immersed in investigating a case of multiple murder and drug trafficking that has set off charges of criminal activity against top politicians, including Mr. Paz Zamora and opposition leaders.

Political analysts and diplomats said the charges, which dominate congressional debates and the press, were being made by all sides in an effort to gain political advantage for the presidential elections in May 1993.

A search to find the truth has yet to begin, they said, and the result is a weakening of Bolivia's fragile democratic process, which was restored in 1982 after decades of military rule.

In addition to the scandal, Mr. Paz Zamora is facing social unrest over his free-market economic policies.

Mr. Paz Zamora said he would meet soon with leaders of all political parties.

"I am going to ask that we act together, so the Congress works well, so it will not be necessary to eliminate it," he said. "Bolivia needs a legislature that is efficient, that solves problems, that moves ahead."

Although few believe a military coup is imminent, political analysts and diplomats said the loss of credibility of parties and the Congress could open the way for authoritarian measures such as those taken in Peru.

"The political parties are the most disintegrated group," said a political analyst, Jorge Lazarte. "This creates a serious problem of governability. Political problems are still viewed as separate from social problems, but when they unite, it will be explosive."

Revival of the "Huanchaca case" in November 1986 unleashed the infighting. At that time, a leading Bolivian botanist, Noel Kempff, flew into Huanchaca, near the Brazilian border, where a large, clandestine cocaine laboratory was operating.

After landing, Mr. Kempff and a companion were shot and killed by traffickers guarding the lab, who apparently thought the two

U.S. Says 45,000 Sites May Be Nuclear Hazards

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — More than 45,000 sites across the United States, including factories and hospitals, are potentially contaminated by radioactivity, according to the first government effort to chart the full extent of the hazard.

The study, commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency, did not try to quantify the health risks at any specific location, or the degree to which radiation may have reached groundwater or croplands. The authors concluded only that contamination "ranges from levels approaching natural background to highly radioactive liquids and solids."

Researchers based their findings on a survey of records of locations at which radioactive material was used, stored, manufactured or spilled. Most of the material cited in the study derives from uranium-mill tailings or refuse from nuclear-weapon plants and other facilities operated by the government.

But 29 "nuclear weapons carrier accidents" are included in the report, including the previously undisclosed crash of a nuclear-armed bomber near Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1956. The report suggests that the crash site may be contaminated with radioactivity.

Not all of the sites identified are definitely contaminated, and many of the 45,361 locations in the study are not likely to be dangerous, officials said.

But previously unreported sites of potential contamination include the Agriculture Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, where government scientists used radioactive materials to simulate the effects of fallout on crops in the 1950s or 1960s.

Few details were given about the accidents involving nuclear warheads. The study suggests that plutonium, enriched uranium or tritium might be present at the New Mexico crash site near Kirtland Air Force Base, but does not say how much.

(W.P. AP)

Bishops Call Sexism 'Evil'

But U.S. Catholic Panel Affirms Ban on Women Priests

By Laura Sessions Stepp
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A panel of American Catholic bishops, in a draft statement on women's issues, called sexism "a moral and social evil," but affirmed the church ban on ordaining women.

The draft pastoral document suggested that the Vatican consider ordaining women as deacons, a secondary role to priests. It also argued for female lecturers and acolytes to assist during masses.

A pastoral document is the most authoritative statement American bishops can make. If the 81-page draft, made public Wednesday, is approved by the full body of bishops in November, the statement will help set policy for this country's 180 Roman Catholic dioceses and 55 million Catholics. American bishops are the first in the world to try to write a document on women's issues, and their action is being closely watched by church leaders in Africa and Britain, where women's rights are being debated.

The statement's authors, six bishops and five female consultants, have been battered by both liberal and conservative factions in the church during their eight years of writing. The final effort is unlikely to appease either side.

Catholics who believe women should be priests said that without that final opportunity, any statement on sexism rings hollow.

Conservative Catholics said the bishops were not forceful enough in their opposition to birth control. The draft pastoral states the church's prohibition, but also urges compassion for Catholics who do not adhere to the teaching.

The draft pastoral on women appeared in the Vatican magazine, L'Osservatore Romano, last year when Pope John Paul II summoned its authors to the Vatican and asked them to tone down the statement.

"But what had been assigned to the ash heap is rising up again," said the draft's author, Susan Muto, a professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Muto said no major changes were made in Rome, but that the draft now explores more fully the causes of sexism in society and the significant relationship Jesus enjoyed with his female disciples.

The statement's release occurred at a time of widespread ferment among women of faith over their spiritual roles.

Women are entering seminaries in record numbers and more and more churches are opening the pulpit to women, except Catholic churches, said Ruth Fitzpatrick, national coordinator of the Women's Ordination Conference, who predicted that the pastoral would prompt more women to abandon traditional Catholicism.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick praised the statement for being "beautifully written and good theology."

"They are showing a great deal more compassion" than in the earlier drafts, she said.

"But they refuse to say the hierarchy is sexist and sinful," she added. "Until they do that there will be no major change, just more nice-sounding stuff to women."

Bishop Joseph L. Innesch of Joliet, Illinois, the chairman of the panel, said the bishops decided that ordination was not an issue they could do anything about. The statement had only a few lines defending a male priesthood, largely on the fact that it is a tradition.

The bishops criticized businesses that promote men over equally qualified women, or pay more money to men than to women for the same job.

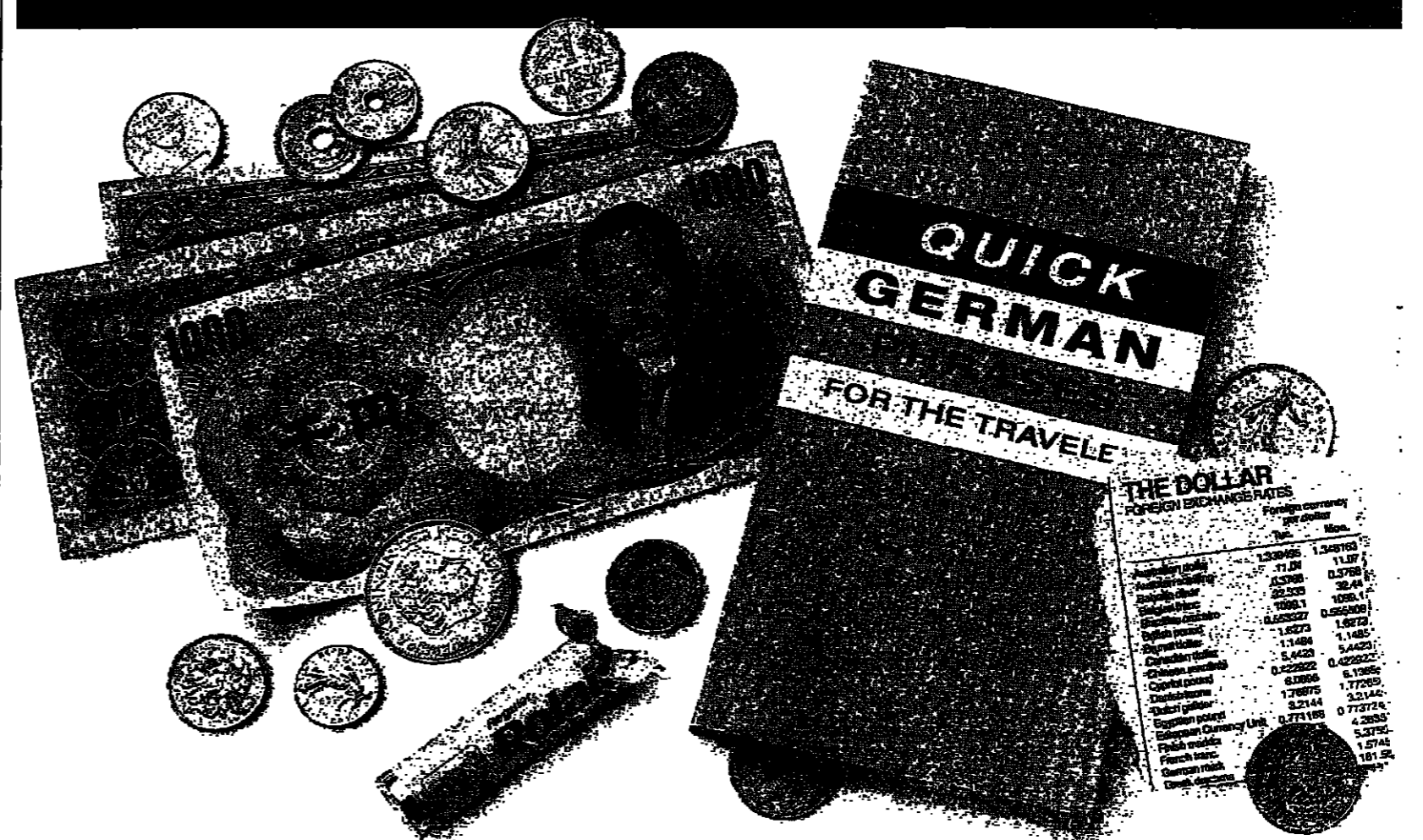
Candidates for the priesthood should be examined for their attitudes about women and "an incapacity to treat women as equals ought to be considered a negative indicator for fitness," they said.

Romanian MiG Crash Kills 2

Reuters

BUCHAREST — Two Romanian Air Force pilots were killed when their MiG-21 fighter crashed on a training flight on Wednesday near Buhusi, 350 kilometers (218 miles) north of Bucharest, the Defense Ministry said Thursday.

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Tsongas, Rejecting Role as a Spoiler, Won't Rejoin Race

Former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts said Thursday that he would not rejoin the Democratic presidential race despite his strong showing in the New York primary.

Clinton Told By Doctor to Stop Talking

PEORIA, Illinois — He coughed his way through New Hampshire, rasped his way through Illinois and croaked during much of the New York primary campaign.

AID: Allies' Eagerness to Support Yeltsin Led to Confusing and Incomplete Assistance Plan

(Continued from page 1) clial in Japan's Finance Ministry said. [Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d promised Congress on Thursday that the Bush administration would not keep asking for big aid outlays to the former Soviet republics, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

CLINTON: Looking for Bush

(Continued from page 1) are elsewhere in the country. That, they say, suggests that Mr. Clinton's problem is not nationwide and not incurable.

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CAPITAL: Falling Japan Investment Will Curb Southeast Asia's Growth

(Continued from page 1) Singapore, finance development projects in the region. Robin Tomlin, managing director of Schroder International Merchant Bankers Ltd., said Japanese banks in Southeast Asia had become more selective in their loans to Japanese customers and reduced credit "quite dramatically" to non-Japanese borrowers.

Pope Sets Up a Latin Fund

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II has set up a foundation to help the poor in Latin America, the Vatican said Thursday. It is to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage.

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FLEET: Ukraine and Russia Agree to Talks on Splitting Up Naval Units

(Continued from page 1) controls all land routes into Sevastopol and supplies the city with more than 90 percent of its food. Concern on Weapons The NATO allies on Thursday expressed their deepening worries to Russia and Ukraine about the suspension of shipments of thousands of tactical nuclear weapons to Russia for dismantling.

Table with multiple columns listing international funds, their performance, and other financial data. Includes sections for 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS', 'Other Funds', and 'Guaranteed Capital Funds'.

INTERNATIONAL **Herald Tribune**

Uncertainty in Europe

From the angry voters of France, then Germany and now Italy comes the same message. They are fed up not only with the parties that have been governing them but with the conventional opposition parties as well. In all three countries there have been spectacular losses by the mass parties of both center-right and center-left, benefiting the fragments: the outsiders, the regionals, the radicals.

Italy: Not Quite a Crisis

No word is invoked more often in Italian political journals than *la crisi*, or "the crisis." Yet despite the periodic dissolution of fractious coalitions, not once in four decades has a national election resulted in the rejection of a sitting government and its replacement by the opposition. This week, in two days of voting, Italians have come within a whisker of denying a majority to their governing four-party coalition. A genuine crisis? Not quite, not yet.

A Habit of Democrats

Bill Clinton continued on Tuesday to win delegates. The Republicans seem pretty much to have rallied behind or resigned themselves to their sitting-president candidate; the Buchanan insurgency has fizzled. The Democrats have not comparably come together. Partly the problem is Mr. Clinton's own and is unique to this year, but partly it is a Democratic habit.

Honesty About a Missile

The U.S. Army is finally backtracking from its grossly inflated claims about the Patriot missile's effectiveness against Iraqi Scuds during the Gulf War. But military officials remain foolishly evasive about the weapon that came to symbolize, for many, the technological wizardry that helped win the war. For the safety of American soldiers and the improvement of a critical technology, the army needs to provide a detailed account of each Patriot missile's performance during the war. That is the only way the Patriot's flaws will get fixed.

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Lest Russians Ask, 'Who Lost the West?'

By Flora Lewis

BONN — Even after the announcement of a hastily patched together \$24 billion Western aid plan for Russia, it is clear that disintegration and disorientation in the ex-Soviet Union is getting worse. Money is not enough, perhaps not even the main need, though obviously it is important. There will have to be some firm guidance if chaos and spreading conflict are to be averted.

Build New Markets on Oil, Not on Uncertain Aid

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Hastening to beat Bill Clinton to the foreign policy punch, President George Bush proposed to assist democracy in the former Soviet republics with a package that not even Secretary of State James Baker could price or explain.

program is not tightened up to assure a better chance of success. Otherwise, the benefits will be lost and the West will turn away in disgust at the apparent futility of supporting transformation.

Now, Security For the People

By John K. Cooley

LIBYA — The Bush administration and its allies ought to think twice before making military moves against Libya that might topple Colonel Muammar Gadhafi.

market prices. Introduced suddenly, this would be a recipe for disaster. Assuming no other barriers, and some are certain to exist, who can say what the world market price would be for local goods apart from raw materials?

A Tightrope To Peace in Afghanistan

By Selig S. Harrison

WASHINGTON — Is the 13-year-old conflict in Afghanistan finally coming to an end? What the United States does in the critical weeks ahead will largely determine whether the United Nations succeeds in brokering an embattled Afghan peace plan and deterring Islamic fundamentalist aggression.



A Libya Without Gadhafi? Think Again

NICOSIA — The Bush administration and its allies ought to think twice before making military moves against Libya that might topple Colonel Muammar Gadhafi.

His successors might well be zealots who will try to foment fundamentalist revolt from Morocco to the Nile Valley.

against Muslim extremism in the Arab world. An air or even naval blockade of Libya would tremendously strengthen the hand of Colonel Gadhafi's multifront opponents.

1892: Wild for Cleveland

By [Name]

NEW YORK — The Massachusetts Democratic State Convention yesterday [April 8] endorsed ex-President Cleveland's Administration, and the mention of his name was received with long and continued cheers, and hat-waving. It is the custom in Massachusetts not to instruct the national delegates for any named candidate, but they were requested in the resolution to vote for a Democrat of a described type, which was accepted as meaning Mr. Cleveland, and the convention went wild again with cheers.

1917: Latins to War?

By [Name]

LONDON — Dispatches from the various South American capitals show that, with Brazil on the brink of war, the other Republics are also considering the advisability of following the lead of the United States by breaking with Germany. A tremendous sensation has everywhere been

1942: Zeros Are Hit Hard

By [Name]

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OPINION

Clinton Keeps Gathering Delegates, and Doubters

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The closer Bill Clinton gets to the Democratic presidential nomination, the more nervous many of his partisans become. To hear them talk, they are not sure whether their convention will serve as prelude to an election or as a political execution.

It is not uncommon, to be sure, for doubts to be expressed about any first-time presidential candidate. The Los Angeles Democratic convention in 1960 had its share of skeptics questioning whether John F. Kennedy could measure up to the "stature" of eight-year-

It is not uncommon for doubts to be raised about a first-time presidential candidate. But usually victory stifles the skeptics.

Vice President Richard Nixon. History says there were similar reservations about Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's ability to take on a national figure like President Herbert Hoover.

What is unusual about this year is that the more Mr. Clinton wins, the larger the question marks loom over his candidacy. It is usually the other way around — victory stifles the skeptics. Mr. Clinton seems to accumulate as many doubters as delegates.

Tuesday's New York primary was supposed to be the "point of closure" for the Democratic nomination, the rallying-around time. Instead, three-quarters of the state's eligible Democratic voters boycotted the polls rather than make a choice among Mr. Clinton, Jerry Brown and the ghostly "suspend-

The two-week campaign added two new chapters to the catalogue of Clinton character questions, one on his youthful experience with marijuana and the other on his avoidance of the Vietnam War draft. Neither was crippling, or even terribly important, in itself, but both showed his tendency to evade straightforward answers.

Some Democrats praised his ability to take all these shots and keep moving forward toward nomination. But in New York exit polls, only half those who voted answered yes when asked if Mr. Clinton had "the honesty and integrity to serve effectively as president." And those were Democratic activists — not the broad electorate.

No wonder so many Democratic politicians are saying privately that Mr. Clinton is carrying a heavier burden of doubts than any prospective nominee can afford, even against a candidate with vulnerability as visible as George Bush's. And no wonder so many Republicans are publicly rubbing their hands in glee at the

prospect of Mr. Bush getting to run for re-election against Mr. Clinton.

Robert Teeter, chairman of President Bush's re-election campaign, commented the other day that when it comes to choosing a president, "character dominates in voters' minds." He continued: "They're smarter than the rest of us. They don't take a checklist of 12 issues and grade the candidates. They decide which of two candidates they want to go sit in the Oval Office for four years and make value judgments for them."

Mr. Teeter did not come right out and say that Republicans would love to run on the "character issue." But last week Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Mr. Bush's choice to head the Republican platform committee, told reporters: "I think the Slick Willie thing will come back and bite him" when Republicans start recycling stories about "extramarital affairs, pot-smoking and the draft."

Mr. Nickles said he had personally called Mr. Bush's attention to an overlooked passage in Mr. Clinton's 1969 letter to Colonel Eugene Holmes, the former commander of the University of Arkansas ROTC unit in which Mr. Clinton had promised to enlist after receiving his draft induction notice. Toward the end of the letter in which Mr. Clinton tried to explain why he renegeed on that commitment, the 23-year-old Rhodes Scholar wrote:

"I am writing you in the hope that my telling this one story will help you to understand more clearly how so many fine people have come to find themselves still loving their country but loathing the military, to which you and other good men have devoted years, lifetimes, of the best service you could give."

Mr. Nickles said the "loathing the military" phrase "will really hurt him against George Bush... I can see George Bush and Lee Greenwood singing 'Proud to Be an American'" while Mr. Clinton is depicted as "somebody who organized demonstrations against the war, working for George McGovern with 'people who were leaving marches and burning flags.'"

Some of us would like to think that the serious challenges facing Americans in 1992 would demand politicians from re-fighting the divisive battles of the 1960s. But the Republicans have shown in election after election that they know how to exploit value and character questions.

A Times Mirror poll released last Sunday exposed equal numbers of voters to critical comments about Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton and concluded that "a Republican campaign attack on Bill Clinton's personal character would likely damage his election chances to a considerably greater degree than would a Democratic attack on George Bush's record."

That is why so many Democratic leaders choke up when they try to cheer Mr. Clinton's victories.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Welcome for Waldheim

In response to the editorial "Whom Does Kohl Please?" (March 30):

The reason a German chancellor should not be receiving Kurt Waldheim is not that Mr. Waldheim necessarily did anything worse than other guests of Mr. Kohl — for example, Nicolae Ceausescu. It is simply that Mr. Waldheim has become an international symbol of the Nazi past, from which Helmut Kohl should be trying to distance himself.

I assume that this is the reason almost all other countries have made it a point never to receive a man whose mere presence is a sad reminder of the inadequate response made by the nations of the earth during the Holocaust.

ERIC LYTCH, Antwerp.

The Vatican and the Jews

Claire Legrand asks, "With anti-Semitism again on the rise, why are the churches so silent?" (Letters, March 31). In Poland and Lithuania it is the Catholic Church that at varying times has preached anti-Semitism, and in Imperial Russia, the Orthodox Church. The Vatican did not recognize the Jewish state

More Than Wind at Work

Regarding the report "What Parted Red Sea Waters for Moses?" (March 16):

The article suggests that no supernatural means were required to split the Red Sea's waters — that strong winds, properly focused, could have achieved this feat. Yet it also quotes the passage that illustrates precisely the Biblical claim: "And the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind."

The point is, it was the coincidence of several phenomena that made the episode miraculous: In the passages just before the Red Sea story, the entire Jewish slave nation succeeded in leaving Egypt all at once, peacefully, and with their captors' blessing. Historians estimate that at least 600,000 Jews crossed the Red Sea. The Bible postulates that the miracle was not simply the parting of the waters, but that the events should have come together, that the Jews

Between Leather and Fur

Regarding "Spring the Trap on Animal Activists" (Back Page, April 2):

Most informed people know that "animal activism" is not black and white, as the organization Put People First is wont to believe. I eat meat, but I have cut back after reading what beef production does to the environment — and to my body. I wear leather, since it is a meat by-product, but shun fur since it is merely a vanity item. I don't consider myself an activist, simply civilized enough to realize that we humans have evolved to conclude that cruelty and waste are negative traits of our species. Put People First is another.

JILL DYCHE, Paris.

Help for the Legless Man, No Thanks to One Rider

By Richard Cohen

NEW YORK — I take the subways when I'm here. I do so for a number of reasons. They are swift, not to mention relatively cheap. Another reason is, they were my friend when I was a kid, the way I traveled all over the city. But that old song has a message. Night-time is more than for luggin' and kissin'. It's also a good time to take a cab.

But I have a third reason, and that one is harder to explain. It has to do with an apprehension that as I grow older and

less bold, I will retreat into a cocoon of affluence. Cars and cabs do that sort of thing to you. They are more than transportation. They are barriers.

It just so happens that I do my own grocery shopping and so I know about checkout scanners. When President George Bush apparently did not, the media made much of his ignorance. It is hard to know what to make of this except, of course, what we already knew: The president does not do the shopping. He lives in a kind of cocoon.

The New York subway de-cocoons a person. I have only to look up at the advertisements. The first thing I learn is that English is just another language — at least the advertisers here think so. Spanish is another.

Then you learn something about misery and desperation. Here are ads for

abortion services, medical services, lawyers on the cheap — for drug counseling, sex counseling, AIDS counseling, pregnancy counseling, immigration counseling. Stay in School, Use a Condom.

Then I look around at the people. On my train there are some shoppers, but mostly what look like poor people commuting to one job or another. They look beat. Give them a moment's peace — a long stretch between stations — and their heads will hit their chests. I study one man in particular. He is wearing work boots, a dark heavy garment like a pea jacket. He is 40, 45, and his face, deeply black and deeply lined, looks as if it has not smiled in years.

It is hard to sleep in years. First an Asian man enters. He unshoulders a large canvas bag and takes out a portable telephone. "Five dollar!" he yells. "Five dollar!" Having found no takers, he moves to another car. Next comes one man in particular. He is wearing work boots, a dark heavy garment like a pea jacket. He is 40, 45, and his face, deeply black and deeply lined, looks as if it has not smiled in years.

I am resolute. I will not be played for a patsy. And neither will my fellow passengers. The two beggars get not a penny. I am not surprised. These are poor people, and while they have many burdens, one of them is not liberal guilt. No. Of that I am sure. I rely on them to be unmoved by the beggars, no matter how cloying their pitch.

A legless man enters the car. He pulls himself along by his arms, the stumps dragging a bit until he swings them under him. He pulls and swings, pulls and swings. He is black, around 30 or, on second glance, 50. It is impossible to tell.

The man in the boots and the heavy garment sits the legless man out of unfocused, drowsy eyes. I know he will not react. By now, I have invented a job for him: construction. He has been doing heavy, physical labor all day, and is weary and hurting. To give to a beggar is to give away a piece of the day, and he will not do that. As if in his sleep, though, he reaches into his pocket and leans forward. He gives the legless man a dollar.

He is just the first. As the legless man pulls himself through the car, the poor give to the poorer. I am stunned. Where is their cynicism? Where is their fear of being ripped off or of thinking, as I have been, that there must be government programs for such people? Yes, of course. Government programs. No need to beg.

But I give the legless man a dollar when he gets to me, because people a lot poorer than me have done so. And they do so, I think, because they don't live in a cocoon, but in the suburbs of misery, a neighborhood of near bad luck, and they know real need when they see it. Their dollars, worth more to them than mine to me, make me feel cheap and insensitive, a regular Bush, so unaccustomed to life in the express lane (Nine Items or Less) that I mistake a scanner for a Brave New World. This is my third reason for riding the subways. It's always an education.

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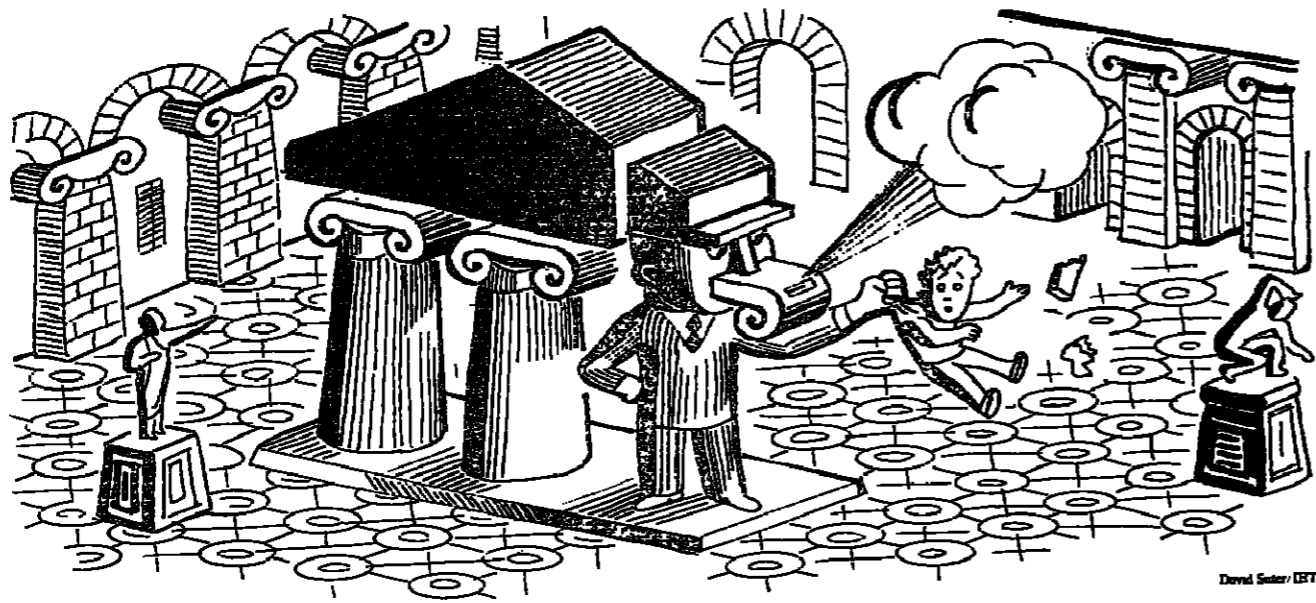
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When in Italy, Keep That Receipt!

By Roderick Conway Morris

VENICE — It was a classic stake-out: for some time government agents had the Bar Venezia in Stigliano, a small town in Italy's deep south, under surveillance. This February, as Salvatore, oblivious of the trap about to be sprung, came out into the street the team moved in with cool efficiency. Seconds later, without a struggle or a shot fired, Salvatore was taken into custody.

The crime: dealing a 100-lire bag of popcorn without a *scenirino* (cash register receipt). The penalty: a 300,000-lire (about \$240) fine for the bar owner who had sold the popcorn, and one of 33,000 lire for Salvatore — who had to be bailed out by his father, seeing that he is only 7 years old.

According to Italian law, not only must a shopkeeper issue a receipt but those buying goods must be able to produce it on demand. This draconian system was first introduced in 1983 by the then-Minister of Finance Bruno Visentini as a desperate measure to persuade Italy's 4 million or so shopkeepers — some of them regularly declaring incomes lower than their lowest-paid workers — to pay their share of taxes. The law sparked off a national shopkeepers' strike and a political crisis that nearly brought down the government.

The body entrusted with enforcing the law is the Guardia di Finanza, or Fiscal Police, a military-style force in distinctive gray uniforms with yellow trim. The Guardia is responsible for customs, excise and coast guard duties (it has special alpine and nautical training schools) and enforcing internal tax laws. Some tax-dodgers and smugglers, notably the Mafia, are well-equipped and

extremely nasty, and the corps has an impressive array of hardware, including patrol boats, armored cars, helicopters, planes and heavy machine-guns.

The Guardia are nothing if not zealous, but in the Salvatore case, even Minister of Finance Rino Formica admitted that they had gone too far, describing it as "an isolated incident," and maintaining that the service "was certainly not targeting children."

Hardly were the minister's words out of his mouth when the Guardia was in action again, this time nabbing a 14-year-old high school student near Rome who left 200 lire on the counter of a stationer's for two sheets of foolscap without waiting for a receipt because he was late for a French test.

The fiscal crime busters' true moment of glory came at the end of last month in Rovigo, a town southwest of Venice, when 2-year-old Enrico and his mother were stopped outside a bar, brazenly receiptless with a 100-lire chocolate bar. Bracing itself against the inevitable storm of public protest and press reaction, the Guardia issued an official justification, containing an almost audible sigh, saying that the resulting "fine was directed at the mother and obviously not the child. One can only hope that if, in the future, a dog-food seller fails to issue a receipt that it will not be claimed that the dog was booked."

As from the end of March, in addition to shops, restaurants, bars and hotels, many other traders are now obliged to give receipts: these include barbers, car, equipment and videocassette rental firms, and hirers-out of dock chairs, beach umbrellas and pedalos. My barber seems to be taking this on the chin, and have dug out their old receipt books (which they had to use for a short time some years ago, before barbers were, for some unknown

reason, again exempted). One of their colleagues in Venice has, however, shut up shop and retired in disgust.

Certain categories remain exempt, such as newspaper vendors and booksellers, tobacconists and gas stations. But it is the government's intention to widen the net to cover taxis, street traders, farmers and even gondoliers.

So far receiptless tourists and foreigners seem to have spared the attentions of the Guardia, an impression supported by the British consulate in Venice and the U.S. Embassy in Rome, both of which say they have yet to deal with such a case. However, it is wise, especially if you buy something of any value, to make sure you have a proper written receipt (*ricevuta fiscale*) to show the Guardia, on request, at the border or airport.

NEEDLESS to say, the Guardia are not the most popular of Italy's public servants. But without them the country's budget deficit, already predicted to reach nearly \$130 billion this year, would undoubtedly be even higher.

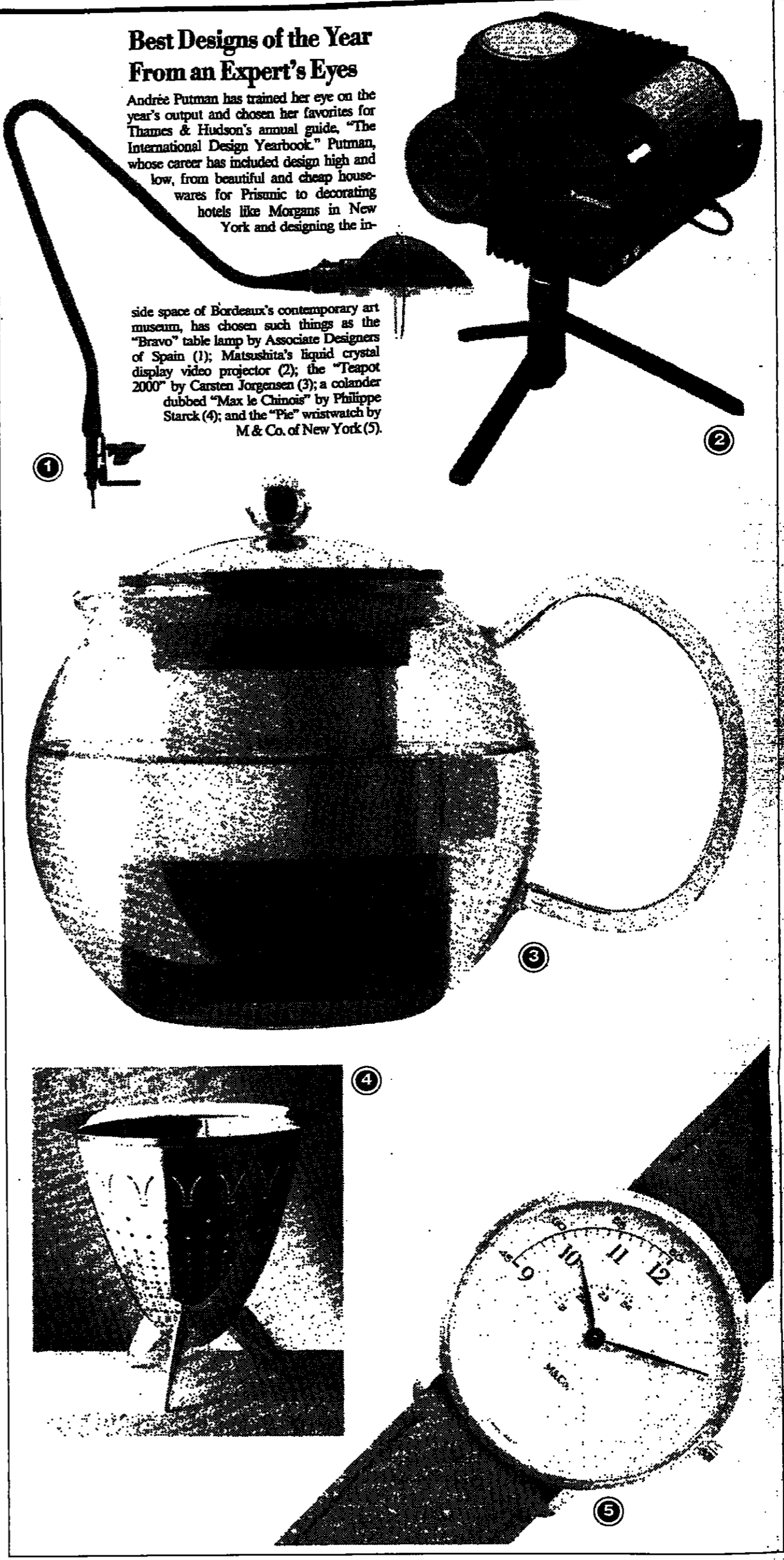
Nor can it be said that they lack a sense of humor. A couple of years ago Mabor, their redoubtable Alsatian sniffer dog at Venice airport, cornered a traveler on an internal flight from Rome. Declining to prosecute the young man for possession of drugs (he was carrying less than a gram of cannabis), but finding that he could not produce a receipt to prove he had bought it in Italy, the Guardia assessed the value of the product and charged him 1,800 lire for unpaid value added tax.

Roderick Conway Morris is based in Venice and writes for *The Spectator* and *The New York Times*.

Best Designs of the Year From an Expert's Eyes

André Putman has trained her eye on the year's output and chosen her favorites for Thames & Hudson's annual guide, "The International Design Yearbook." Putman, whose career has included design high and low, from beautiful and cheap housewares for Prismatic to decorating hotels like Morgans in New York and designing the in-

side space of Bordeaux's contemporary art museum, has chosen such things as the "Bravo" table lamp by Associate Designers of Spain (1); Matsushita's liquid crystal display video projector (2); the "Teapot 2000" by Carsten Jorgensen (3); a colander dubbed "Max le Chinois" by Philippe Starck (4); and the "Pie" wristwatch by M & Co. of New York (5).



Ukraine: 'I Cry for You, Intourist'

By Henry Kamm
New York Times Service

KIEV, Ukraine — Midway through a three-week tour of independent Ukraine — at about the time I had adapted to the new ways that make it politically incorrect to say "the Ukraine" — I found myself comforted by the appearance of a relic of the bad old days.

I was checking in at a particularly grim hotel in the grimy coal-mining town of Donetsk. Suddenly there was Tatiana. She stood at the reception desk, her warm, if somewhat synthetic smile scoring over the prison-warden scowl of the oafish reception clerk. Recognition was instantaneous. Tatiana knew I was the American who had booked a room by telegram from Kiev; I knew she was the intourist lady ready to take charge of the traveler's needs.

Such Intourist ladies had greeted me in many places in the former Soviet Union in my travels in an earlier, two-year stay. So meticulously did Intourist adhere to its mission of keeping foreigners from going astray that one day, when my plane from Irkutsk to Moscow made an unexpected landing in Omsk, a city then closed to foreigners, a counterpart of Tatiana stood at planeside and spotted with a trained eye the only foreigner among the descending passengers.

Although neither of us had met before, she addressed me by name and sat by my side in the waiting lounge for hours, feeding me English-language pamphlets on the "many-sided achievements" of the Soviet Union, until the plane had been repaired.

Tatiana explained that as far as the individual traveler was concerned Intourist and its services had ceased to function; it had collapsed along with the Soviet Union but the hotel's management felt I might need her help. Although Intourist as an organization based in Moscow, the capital of a foreign country as far as Ukraine is concerned, professes still to exist, the tourist in Ukraine encounters only evidence and protestations to the contrary. In the old days I would have to "need" Tatiana's observant and restrictive company whether I wanted it or not, and pay for it. Now I was able to tell Tatiana I would "end for myself in Donetsk. But remembering the difficulty of getting a sleeping-car berth for the 16-hour journey from Kiev and the erstwhile omnipotence of Intourist in such matters, I asked her to get me a "soft-class" ticket back to Kiev. That is where Tatiana provided definitive proof of Intourist's demise. She failed. "I am no longer intourist," she said sadly over the telephone. I never saw Tatiana again and traveled second class.

WITH the virtual disappearance of the all-caring Soviet version of Travelers Aid, the visitor is left without defense against the former dependencies.

The customer continues to be always wrong, and can no longer call on the Intourist Service Bureau to plead a case.

Where was Tatiana or one of her sisters when I arrived late one night at the Kiev Intourist Hotel, after my plane from the Crimea to Kiev had been diverted for several hours northward to Belarus? (Only the world intourist remains on the hostelry, a prime example of the Soviet predilapidated style of construction: the hotel opened its doors in 1990 and already looks ready for a radical overhaul of its rooms, sheets and staff.)

Was anyone there to sustain me when I asked the dragon at the reception desk, who scolded me for my late arrival, whether someone might bring a cup of tea to my room? (I knew enough not to ask for something to eat.)

"No tea," she growled, and bent over the abacus, no doubt calculating the boon that my \$174 a night would be to Ukraine's minute foreign-currency reserves.

The absurdity of the price was made even clearer a few days later, over dinner at the house of a friend. "5174 for one night!" repeated his daughter, a 28-year-old engineer. And after a quick mental calculation, she said drily, "That's what I earn for 30 months on my job." She earns 600 rubles a month, about \$6 at the bank exchange rate.

The services manager explained the many valid reasons for the hotel's deficiencies. They are rooted in the decomposition of what used to be a multiethnic superpower.

But it is the virtual state of war between the guest and the staff and the ever-unchanging guardians of tourist facilities that is the chief survivor of the old days.

Headwaiters keep alive the endearing habit of telling hungry guests surveying an empty restaurant that all tables are taken. In the good old days, a contribution in rubles would enable him to find an unreserved table; now only dollars or German marks do the trick. But, as in the past, many tables remain empty through the evening.

Perhaps privatization will end the war

against the traveler. No "thank you" acknowledged my handing over almost \$2,000 for 11 nights of Spartan rigor to the Kiev hotel cashier.

"You didn't give it to her," explained a Ukrainian bystander, surprised at my polite remonstrance. "You gave it to the government. If you gave it to her, she'd say 'thank you' 2,000 times." I would have been thankful for just one.

HEAR THIS

She wears a conical bra and flesh-flashing costumes, sings about lust and scandalizes the public. Madonna? No. Lesley Garrett, a British soprano whose CID of opera arias was released in the United States with the title "Div!," Silva Screen Records Ltd. has spiced up the package with photographs of a chiffon-draped Garrett swooning in ecstasy on the cover, lounging in tight against an apartment wall and gazing at the buyer in a low-cut evening gown. "This is just the coming of age of the marketing of classical," said the entertainment analyst Harold Vogel of Merrill Lynch & Co. Roll over, Beethoven.

THE MOVIE GUIDE



Jacques Dutronc menaces Mathilda May in "Toutes Peines Confondues," top. Vira Montes and Sal Lopez get ready to go out on the town in "American Me," below left, and Christopher Reeve recoils at some gaffe in Peter Bogdanovich's "Noises Off," based on Michael Frayn's play.

Toutes Peines Confondues

Directed by Michel Deville. France.

Adapted from Andrew Coburn's novel "Sweetheart," Deville's moody thriller is set on a Swiss lake where threats and innuendos roll in as thick as fog, and Shostakovich's ominous music means murder is in the air. But you wonder what the suspense — all those stressful chords — is all about, because nothing really happens. Two famous French pop stars — Jacques Dutronc and Patrick Bruel — are at the center of the intrigue: Dutronc as an elegant gentleman thug, Bruel as the detective sent to stalk him. The soft-hearted cop falls for the magnetic bandit and his voluptuous wife, played by Mathilda May, and so they all circle each other, suave, well-dressed and quite aimless. It's a chic cops-and-robbers adventure, cut like a commercial, for sensational effect, with a voyeuristic, satiric edge and not much in the middle. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Noises Off

Directed by Peter Bogdanovich. U.S.

The smell of the greasepaint clings to this anticpated paced play by Michael Frayn that never quite becomes a motion picture. It is a bedroom-door-banging rumpus that originated in London's West End, and Peter Bogdanovich's version like-

wise sends up the conventions of British burlesque — a bit peculiar coming from a mostly American cast performing in Des Moines. As a weary cynical director (Michael Caine) runs his troupe of incompetents through a final dress rehearsal, everything that can go wrong does. All the flubs come as a result of the many physical, mental and emotional shortcomings of a cast that includes Carol Burnett as a faded leading lady, John Ritter as her jealous young lover, Christopher Reeve as the insecure hunk, and Denholm Elliott as the besotted and hard-of-hearing British legend. (Rita Kempley, WP)

La Stazione

Directed by Sergio Rubini. Italy.

It rains all night on this lost Italian village, pitched against the mountainside. The local stationmaster, played by director Rubini, leads a tedious life, cramped by routine. Flavia (Margherita Buy) interrupts his schedule, arriving in the middle of the night in her couture gown, on the run from her ambitious lover (Ennio Fantastichini), a fascist bully. Built on three characters stuck within four walls, Rubini's first film reveals his theater background. It starts as gentle social satire and climbs to the surreal, surprising heights. Of course the rain-drenched contessa and the

wispy stationmaster are like trains passing in the night, but their romance has its fine moments. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Straight Talk

Directed by Barnett Kellman. U.S.

Perched atop her five-inch stiletto heels, the full-busted but otherwise tiny Dolly Parton towers above "Straight Talk," like a laughing Colossus of Rhodes. In the flat landscape of this new romantic comedy, no other body or thing comes up to the ankle straps of the irrepressible star. She appears in virtually every scene and accompanies herself on the soundtrack almost nonstop, singing in upbeat Dolly-style a half-dozen songs she wrote for herself. She's intimidating but irresistible, which is all to the good. "Straight Talk" needs every ounce of investibility it can get to offset a certain predictability of formula. Parton plays Shirlee, a Flat Rock, Arkansas, dance instructor who, after losing her job because she talks too much, flees to Chicago and through a series of misunderstandings, becomes the toast of the town as a psychologist who dispenses homespun wisdom on radio station WNDY. She unknowingly falls in love with Jack (James Woods), the tough newspaper reporter who is out to expose WNDY's bogus claims that she holds a doctorate in psychology. Woods has

the film's toughest role, which he plays with a kind of intense, unflappable intelligence. It can't be easy romancing a star who is as much myth as woman. (Vincent Canby, NYT)

American Me

Directed by James Edward Olmos. U.S.

This stomach-turning prison drama doesn't mean to glorify gangsterism, but it does in its way. Set behind the bars of Folsom State Prison, it depicts the downs of doing time, but dignifies the strivings of a self-made crime lord. Olmos, both as director and star, finds a tragic grandeur in the rise and ruin of Santana, a teenager who comes of age inside the California prison system. When sentenced to a juvenile facility, Santana forms a Mexican Mafia with his boyhood friends J. D. (William Forsythe) and Mando (Tape Serma) as lieutenants. Upon their transfer to Folsom, as adults, the hardened trio become pen kings in charge of drug trafficking, prostitution and other rackets. After release he returns home to find his kid brother and his neighbors' sons being destroyed by the gang culture he helped to create, and sacrifices himself to his criminal peers in a ritual suicide. Though this is well-intentioned and well-made, it's hard to imagine why anyone would subject himself to this unrelentingly sordid polemic. (Rita Kempley, WP)

THE ARTS GUIDE

The Joys of a Visit to the Old Lady

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

PARIS — As everyday cooks, we tend to forget a single but important rule: Try not to complicate what is first of all a very simple cuisine, a cuisine of common sense...

Dressed in white canvas tennis shoes, white anklets, and a huge white apron, she looks almost helpless and pixie-like. Yet tired eyes, and a slowing gait unmask her age...



From top left: Lithograph by Toulouse-Lautrec at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris; Nigerian wood sculpture at the Horniman Museum in London and two fiberglass sculptures by Duane Hanson at the KunstHaus in Vienna.

AUSTRIA Linz Neue Galerie (tel: 93.36.00). To May 24: "Karl Appel. A retrospective of 100 paintings and other works to honor the Dutch artist's 70th birthday. Salzburg Alte Goethe Festspielhaus (tel: 84.59.93). To April 20: Exhibition devoted to the Austrian biographer, poet and novelist Stefan Zweig. Vienna Kunsthaus Wien (tel: 712.04.95). To April 30: Duane Hanson's life-size realist sculptures made of fiberglass.

FRANCE Paris Cathédrale de Balley (tel: 79.88.99.80). April 18: Handel's "Passion according to St. John," conducted by Michel Corboz. Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 47.77.12.33). To May 4: First major retrospective of the American architect Louis I. Kahn (1917-74). Also, more than 100 oil paintings, watercolors, inks and ceramics by Georges Rouault. Fondation Dosne-Thiers (tel: 45.76.14.33). To April 24: "Le Corps Retrouvé," gouaches and pastels of nudes by Patrick Schleyer. Grand Palais (tel: 48.04.38.86 for ticket reservations). To June 1: "Toulouse-Lautrec. Seventy paintings and 100 drawings, lithographs and posters. Also to July 12: "The Vikings." Original artworks and objects, including church portals, tapestries and illuminated manuscripts. Mona Bismarck Foundation (tel: 47.23.38.88). To May 18: "Retrospective: Maurice La Scouzeauze" (1881-1941). Includes almost sixty oeuvres by this painter, who was a contemporary of Gauguin.

GERMANY Berlin Martin-Gropius-Bau (tel: 25.46.00). To April 28: "Patterns of Ink." Original drawings, engravings and watercolors related to the architect's work. To April 28: "The Architect's Sketchbook." Exploration of ways in which architects use books as tools in the process of architectural creation. Copenhagen Museum for Applied Arts (tel: 42.19.07.19). To April 28: Oil paintings, watercolors, graphic works and illustrations from the permanent Edward Hopper Collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. To May 24: Retrospective of 300 provocative photos from the '70s and '80s by Robert Meppelthorpe.

HOLLAND Amsterdam Die Nederlandse Opera (tel: 521.89.22). April 13: World premiere of Alfred Schnittke's "Life With an Idiot," conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich. Other performances: April 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30. Groningen Groninger Museum (tel: 18.53.43). To April 12: "Dragon King of the Sea." Japanese decorative art from the Meiji period (1868-1912) includes bronze, lacquer and lacquerware objects.

ITALY Naples Castel Sant'Elmo (tel: 552.33.28). To May 17: The paintings of 17th-century Spanish master Jose de Ribera, including several famous paintings of Christian martyrs. Museo degli Eremitani (tel: 875.11.53). To May 17: "From Bellini to Tintoretto." More than 200 paintings by 14th- and 15th-century Paduan masters. Venezia Palazzo Grassi (tel: 52.31.690). To July 5: "Leonardo and Venice." A display of Leonardo da Vinci's drawings that he made while in Venice.

JAPAN Kobe Kobe City Museum (tel: 591.00.35). To May 10: "Painting in the Ming and Qing Dynasties." Otaw National Museum of Modern Art (tel: 43.21.11). To May 17: "American Realism & Figurative Art: 1952-1990." Houston Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 526.1361). To May 3: "Max Weber: The Cubist Decade, 1910-20." The first exhibition to focus on the most radical period of an early leader of Modernism. To May 17: "George Krause: Universal Issues." Retrospective exhibition featuring works from the four main periods of the photographer's work. To June 28: Erika Levin's "Photographs from the 1930s to the present."

USA San Diego The San Diego Museum of Art (tel: 232.7951). To Oct 11: "The Great Age of Bell." Includes paintings, ship models, navigational instruments, globes and charts from the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England. San Francisco De Young Museum (tel: 863.3330). To May 17: "Imperial Austria." A retrospective of 300 years of German culture, the festival includes concerts, ballets and films. National Gallery of Art (tel: 842.6690). To May 17: "Giordano: Master Painter of the Baroque," an exhibition of oil paintings and drawings in honor of the 400th anniversary of the birth of the Italian painter.



Disneyland Hotel at the entrance to the Euro Disney theme park.

A Guide to Euro Disneyland

By Barbara Rosen

PARIS — Visions of Snow White dancing through your dreams? Kids clamoring to discover Discoveryland? Here's a bit of logistical assistance. OF GUIDANCE, PRINTED AND PERSONAL. "Le Guide" Disney Hachette Edition, retail for 60 francs (about \$11) and boxes 150 pages of prices, telephone numbers and other details. It can be found in French at Paris stores like FNAC and Printemps. There are also plans to make it available in four other languages and in other countries. Michelin has just published a green guide, "Euro Disney Resort," in French, and will issue English and German editions in May. Berlitz's "Euro Disney" guide will be available in French stores in French, English and German.

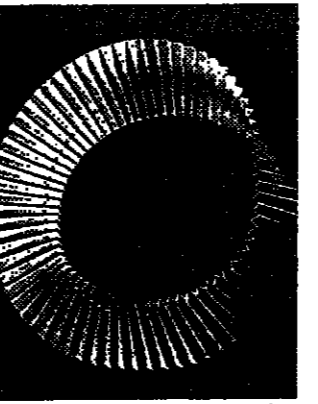
Disney's guest-help telephone line, 64.74.30.00, has operators supplying details on everything from directions to accommodations or even stroller and wheelchair rentals, in several languages. The lines are staffed daily from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. To reach French numbers from other countries first dial 33-1. OF ROUTES AND ROOSTING: For packages, check travel agents and tour companies. British Airways Holidays, for example, offers two- to four-night deals with flights between various British cities and Paris, buses between Charles de Gaulle airport and Euro Disney, on-site accommodation, and entrance to the Euro Disneyland Park. Their Disney number: (49) 0293-61191.

If you go it alone, shuttle buses will leave the two main Paris airports for Euro Disney every 45 minutes between 9 A.M. and 8 P.M. at Orly, to 8:45 P.M. at Charles de Gaulle; the fare is 65 francs. From central Paris, the RER A4 line (to Chessy/Euro Disney) deposits you at the park's main entrance; it takes about 40 minutes and costs 30 francs. There is no convenient SNCF station near the resort, though plans call for a TGV stop there by 1994-95. If driving, take the A4 highway in the direction of Metz-Nancy and follow the signs; it's 32 kilometers (20 miles) east of Paris. Parking a car costs 30 francs a day, a camper 50 francs. Parking a dog or cat costs 45 francs a day or 65 francs overnight, and they must be tattooed and have a vaccination certificate. Except for seeing-eye dogs, pets aren't allowed in the park. Five of Euro Disney's on-site hotels are scheduled to be open with the park April 12, the sixth on May 1. Prices, which change seasonally, range from 550 francs to 1,950 francs for a room, many of which sleep four. There is also a campground: Cabins go for 575 francs to 875 francs, campsites for 270 francs. You can book via a travel agent or call direct, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M., on 49.41.49.10 (English), 49.41.49.41 (French), 49.41.49.90 (German). The on-site hotels are fast filling up around the opening date. If you want to stay outside the Disney domain, the Seine-et-Marne tourist board, 64.37.19.35, has a list of nearby hotels. OF ENTRIES AND ESPICES: Euro Disneyland plans to be open seven days a week (though they will close the gates if it gets too crowded). The opening hours, which will change seasonally, are 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. most weekdays, to 9 P.M. Wednesdays, and to midnight weekends and holidays. Entrance fees, which cover all the attractions except a coin-operated shooting stand, shops and restaurants, range from 225 francs (one day) to 565 francs (three days, not necessarily consecutive) for adults, and 150 francs to 375 francs for children. The "passports" can be purchased at the gate, in the Euro Disney hotels, by mail or by phone. 64.74.43.03. Groups of 50 or more can reserve for a specific date by calling the same number or by fax to 64.74.39.00. Euro Disney accepts French francs in the form of cash, personal check, Eurocheque, traveler's checks, and major credit cards. There are cash machines and foreign-exchange booths on the grounds. OF EDBLES AND UMBRELLAS: Euro Disneyland has numerous restaurants. There's even a place to buy baby food and warm up bottles. But you can't buy a beer in the park. As for what to wear, there's a shirt-and-shoes rule. In case of rain, the queues for the attractions are under cover, and you can always run into the shopping arcades. Speaking of which, "Le Guide" counsels that you can save yourself a probable trip to the lost-and-found by just leaving your umbrella at home, and picking up a Mickey Mouse rain cape.

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DO'S AND DON'TS

- Alcohol Don't try to take beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages into the Euro Disneyland Park. The gatekeepers won't let you. Picnicking Don't expect to spread out your homemade feast in the shadow of Big Thunder Mountain. You'll have to check your repast at the gate and come back out to the picnic area to eat it. Return Trips Do get your hands stamped if you want to go out and come back in. Duck Talk Don't try to make Donald discourse. The characters aren't allowed to talk.



Jewelry design by Helen Drutt in Helsinki.

ston, Crossroad of Civilization." Pottery, metal objects, clothes and carpets from the Caucasion region which was invaded successively by Huns, Arabs, Turks and Persians. Tokyo Setagaya Art Museum (tel: 34.15.83.05). To May 24: "Vincent van Gogh and Japan." More than 100 works showing the relationship between his works and Japan. Tokyo National Museum (tel: 38.22.11.11). To May 10: "The Tomb of Yi, the Marquis of Zeng." Eighty-seven lacquer, bronze and jade items excavated in 1977 from the tomb located in the Hubei Province of China.

MONACO Monte-Carlo Maria de Re Gallery (tel: 93.25.65.59). To Sept. 30: "Fernando Botero." The Colombian artist's monumental sculptures. NETHERLANDS Amsterdam Die Nederlandse Opera (tel: 521.89.22). April 13: World premiere of Alfred Schnittke's "Life With an Idiot," conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich. Other performances: April 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30. Groningen Groninger Museum (tel: 18.53.43). To April 12: "Dragon King of the Sea." Japanese decorative art from the Meiji period (1868-1912) includes bronze, lacquer and lacquerware objects.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Includes a solution for the puzzle of April 9.

A 15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting cells.

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Tokyo and EC Hit Snag Over Car Export Levels

TOKYO — The Ministry of International Trade and Industry and the EC Commission have failed to agree on the level of Japan's car exports to the European Community for calendar 1992...

The sources said the two sides had failed to agree on what total auto demand in the Community would be in 1992, and so could not agree on the level of Japanese exports...

Further negotiations between the Commission and Japan have not been scheduled but likely will be held in the near future in Tokyo, according to an official of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry...

Under an agreement in July, Japan pledged to hold direct exports of vehicles to the EC market at a ceiling of 1.23 million a year from 1993 through 1999, after which there are to be no restrictions.

The sources said that Japan was seeking to hold to the 1991 level of 1.26 million agreed during talks in February but that the Commission had revised down its forecast for total 1992 EC demand...

Neither side has disclosed its latest production of demand in the Community this year.

TEAC Bucks Tokyo's Trend Stock Up on Hopes for U.S. Disk-Drive Sales

TOKYO — While the Japanese stock market has fallen almost 30 percent since the start of 1992, shares in TEAC Corp., a leading maker of disk drives for use in personal computers, have skyrocketed on the outlook for U.S. economic growth...

The share price has risen 40 percent this year, after starting at 650 yen and hitting a low of 540 in January. The stock rose 20 yen Thursday, to 875.

TEAC, which also makes audio components, is one of 14 Japanese companies whose stock prices have increased at least 10 percent this year, despite the plunge in most Tokyo shares...

Other top gainers included Pioneer Electronic Corp., which makes specialized automobile and audio electronics equipment; Amada Co., a builder of metalworking machines; Arai-gumi, a general contractor; Chukyo Coca-Cola Bottling Co., the eighth-largest Coca-Cola bottler in Japan...

The other top gainers were Mitsubishi Pencil Co.; Mitsui High-tek, which makes precision frames; Mori Seiki, a manufacturer of lathes; Showa Highpolymer Co., a manufacturer of polyester resin and emission-related products; Toho Suisan Co., Japan's third-largest exporter of marine products...

Other companies in the industry, including Pioneer, Kenwood Corp. and Kyocera Corp., should perform well as they benefit from the uptick in the U.S. market, he said.

NEC Sees Imminent Revival for Chip Market

TOKYO — The president of NEC Corp., Tadashi Sekimoto, said Thursday that the world recession in computer microchip markets was bottoming out and that an upturn was imminent.

Despite his upbeat tone, however, the world's largest maker of semiconductors announced it was delaying the building of a factory in Germany because of falling demand for computers in Europe.

NEC had planned to set up the plant in Germany this spring, a spokesman said, who added that it might build the plant later if demand revived.

Speaking of the chip market, Mr. Sekimoto said: "Right now is the bottom. Things should improve from here on, but whether they will improve sharply or slowly is hard to tell at the moment."

He added that Japanese chipmakers had expected a market turnaround earlier; instead, prices continued to drop.

Industry analysts said the price of four-megabit dynamic random-access memory chips, the latest generation of the key DRAM semiconductors in production, had fallen from about 3,500 yen (\$26.35) at the start of 1991 to 1,450 yen.

The failure of the market to improve forced NEC and other Japanese electronics companies to cut profit forecasts for the year ending March 31.

In February, NEC lowered its outlook for 1991/92 group pretax profit to 65 billion yen from a November forecast of 120 billion. It also cut its parent current profit forecast to 100 billion yen from an October outlook of 135 billion yen.

NEC reported group pretax profit of 134.1 billion yen and parent current profit of 140.52 billion yen in 1990-91.

But Mr. Sekimoto said the company was likely to post higher group and parent profit in 1992-93.

"Basically, we expect higher sales and higher profits, although double digit growth may be difficult," he said.

The recently slumping personal computer market in Japan, where NEC holds a more-than-50 percent share, hit bottom in the last quarter of calendar 1991, Mr. Sekimoto said.

Some industry analysts, however, said hopes of market rebounds in microchips and computers might be overdone, given emerging doubts about the U.S. economic recovery and worries over how fast Japan would emerge from its own economic slump.

"People in the U.S. have pruned their forecasts and are saying the recovery will be later and slower," said Steve Myers, industry analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities.

In a related development, NEC said it would join with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to develop a compact personal computer that uses a pen instead of a keyboard, a NEC spokesman said Thursday.

The two companies, which have been cooperating in semiconductor, have never built a computer together. NEC is expected to be in charge of production, while AT&T would sell the product in the United States, a NEC spokesman said.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, UPI)

Foreigners Not Ready to Plunge Into Japan Stocks

TOKYO — Foreign investment funds, whose purchases of Japanese stocks are seen as essential to reversing the Tokyo stock market's plunge, have no immediate plans to start buying in a big way, their managers said.

The plans of Japan fund managers around the globe are of keen interest in Tokyo since foreign funds wield an outsized influence on the stock market, despite owning only 4 percent of Japanese shares.

That is because Japanese institutional investors, who own the majority of actively traded shares, usually watch the movements of foreign-owned shares before following.

It is "still a little bit soon" to buy, said William Arah, director of Asian funds at Marathon Asset Management, with \$75 million in Japanese shares, in London.

"People are afraid to buy stocks, and there's no guessing how low the Nikkei will go," said Richard Holbrook, a vice president at Baird, Biehl & Kaiser in San Mateo, California.

Many foreign investment fund managers are watching the Japanese government for a signal to start buying again. Eventually, they theorized, the government would be forced to step in with substantial action to catalyze economic growth.

"If the whole economy is in peril, then the government can't sit idly by," said Michael Payne, senior director of Legal & General Investment Management, a British fund manager with \$3 billion. "My view is that we must be near the bottom."

"What would you rather own, Toyota Motor Co. at book value or General Motors at 0.8 times book value?" said Forrest Berkeley, at Grantham, Mayor, Van Otterloo & Co. in Boston, who manages a \$200 million Japan fund.

He and some other fund managers have already begun buying into carefully targeted sectors.

Baird, Biehl & Kaiser is buying into companies that export electronic products to America, including Pioneer Electronic Corp. and Kenwood Corp., as well as shares of home construction companies that benefit from lower interest rates.

Investor's Asia table with columns for Exchange, Index, Thursday Close, Prev. Close, and % Change. Includes data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, and New Zealand.

Very briefly:

- Mass Transit Railway Corp. of Hong Kong has appointed Bank of Tokyo and Norinchukin Bank to manage a seven-year yen loan worth 500 million dollars (\$64 million)...

Citroën to Build ZX Cars in China

PARIS — Automobiles Citroën of France and Dongfeng Co. of China have won bank financing to build two car plants to assemble Citroën cars in the Chinese province of Hubei, the French company said Thursday...

Jiang Tours Japan And Urges Investment

TOKYO — Jiang Zemin, the Chinese Communist Party chairman, pledged structural reform in China as he sought increased Japanese investment during a visit Thursday to the country's industrial heartland.

Mr. Jiang, nearing the end of a five-day official visit, said China was planning a unique melding of socialist and capitalism. He spoke to a meeting of business and government leaders in Osaka.

"We plan to use the principles of a planned economy and market to create a new system, to be called a socialist merchandise economy," Mr. Jiang said. Among Chinese reforms he has mentioned during the trip are a streamlined Chinese leadership and an improved decision-making process.

At a news conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, he said: "I cannot say that Japanese investment has been very large — it's under the level of the United States — and we hope that there will be continued efforts by Japan to improve the situation."

Japanese investment in China reached an accumulated \$3.07 billion by September 1991, 0.9 percent of Japan's total overseas investment in the postwar period, according to Japanese government figures. Most of the investment was small or medium in scale.

The visit marked the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Tokyo and Beijing.

Yamaichi to Try Shanghai

TOKYO — Yamaichi Securities Co.'s Hong Kong unit, Yamaichi International (Hong Kong), has obtained a license from the People's Bank of China to broker stocks listed on the Shanghai stock exchange, Yamaichi said Thursday.

Yamaichi is the first Japanese company to be granted a license to broker China's B-class stocks, intended for sale to foreigners, a Yamaichi International executive said.

As opposed to the A stocks, sold only to domestic investors, B-class stocks are settled in dollars at a fixed exchange rate. Dividend and capital gains also are paid in dollars.

Yamaichi is the fifth foreign company allowed to trade B stocks in Shanghai. The other four are Sun Hung Kai Securities of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong units of Salomon Brothers Inc., Hoare Govett Asia Ltd., and Swiss Bank Corp.

The Shanghai stock exchange is one of the two stock exchanges in the mainland China; the other is in Shenzhen. People's Bank of China is the country's central bank and the regulatory body of the stock market.

Buyout Approved At Hsin Chong

HONG KONG — Minority shareholders of Hsin Chong International Holdings Ltd., a Hong Kong developer, voted Thursday to support a cash offer for their shares and warrants from the controlling shareholders.

The offer values the company at 1.8 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$223.8 million).

The offer is \$1.75 dollars for each Hsin Chong share and 2.15 dollars for each warrant.

The family of Hsin Chong's chairman, Geoffrey Yeh, and Lee Hing Development Ltd. already control 48 percent of Hsin Chong. Their buyout vehicle is Key Finance Ltd.

Pertama's Bad Case Of Timing

SINGAPORE — Pertamina Holdings Ltd., a household electronics retailer, chose an unfortunate time for a listing on the stock exchange of Singapore.

Since Pertamina's offering of 10 million ordinary shares Jan. 31 at 45 Singapore cents (27 U.S. cents) each, the Straits Times industrial index, the market's major barometer, has dropped 176.86 points, to a close Thursday of 1,352.83.

An underperformer from the start, Pertamina has plunged 37.9 percent from its first-day closing price of 47.5 cents, to its close Thursday at 29.5 cents a share.

Despite the dismal performance, the company's position as a niche retailer with shops in the best Singapore department stores will protect it from too steep a fall, analysts said.

Sumit Gupta, an analyst with Credit Suisse, said "the company is so well located that there is a limit to the downside."

According to Pertamina's prospectus, released when the stock was listed, after-tax profit for the year ended March 31, 1991, fell 34 percent from a year earlier, to 2.19 billion dollars.

Growth in Paging Doubles Star Net

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong telecommunications company Star Paging (International Holding) Ltd. said its net profit rose 111 percent in the year ended Dec. 31.

The company attributed the leap to significant growth in its core business of paging services.

Star Paging, which listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong last year, said its profit after-tax and less payable by minority interests, was 36.1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$7.2 million), up from 36.6 million dollars in 1990.

COMPANY RESULTS

Table of company results for various regions including Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, and the United States. Columns show revenue and profits for 1991 and 1990.

NOTICE. No. CV 92-1574-DWW (GHX) United States District Court, Central District of California, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Plaintiff v. Kamal Shoaib, Defendant.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has brought an action in the above-captioned matter by filing a Summons and a Complaint against the Defendant to collect a civil money penalty debt pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1818 (1) (2) (I) (1). The Board of Governors entered a final order of this civil penalty for \$20 million against the Defendant on March 3, 1992. Defendant shall have twenty (20) days, or such other time the Court may allow, after the date of the first publication of this notice to file an answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Los Angeles.

Otherwise, default will be noted. LOURDES G. SAIRD United States Attorney LEON W. WEIDMAN Assistant United States Attorney Chief, Civil Division MARK LABAYON Assistant United States Attorney Financial Fraud Section Suite 7616, Federal Building 300 North Los Angeles St. Los Angeles, California 90012 Telephone: (213) 894-0322 Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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SPORTS AMERICA'S CUP

Conner Loses 2d in a Row In Semifinals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SAN DIEGO — America 3, re-tooled below the water and behind the wheel, stole Dennis Conner's wind and defeated Stars & Stripes for its second straight loss in the America's Cup defender semifinals.

Sailing in shifting wind of 6 to 10 knots — conditions that Conner previously had mastered — America 3 led at each turn on the eight-leg, 20.03-mile (32.3 kilometer) course and beat Stars & Stripes by 2 minutes, 8 seconds Wednesday in the eighth race of the defender semifinals.

Conner must win Friday against America 3's stablemate, Kanza, or Saturday in his final match against America 3 to be assured of reaching the final.

Kanza, which defeated Conner on Tuesday, continues to lead with five victories, followed by Stars & Stripes with four and America 3, two. The two yachts with the most victories advance to the finals. America 3 has three races remaining, including one against Kanza on Thursday.

Any chance for an all-European challenger final disappeared when New Zealand routed Ville de Paris by 3:30 to join Il Moro di Venezia of Italy in the finals. The French



Ville de Paris crewmen were down and out of the America's Cup after losing a race and a place in the challenger finals to New Zealand.

boat needed two victories and two losses by New Zealand to keep its hopes alive.

"We feel very relieved," said Rod Davis, New Zealand's American-born skipper. "Today was a do-or-die race for us."

"We're a bit disappointed," said the French skipper, Marc Pajot, who sailed French Kiss into the 1986-87 challenger semifinals. "I know I want to come back to the America's Cup."

In the other challenger race, Nippon won for only the second time in its last eight races, beating Il Moro di Venezia by 1:53. Il Moro

earned a final berth on Tuesday and Nippon was eliminated.

Racing was delayed nearly two and a half hours until the wind settled in from the west.

America 3, meanwhile, sailed with a new, lighter keel, a change made since the yacht's last race on Sunday.

The changes had been tested in wind tunnels and tanks, but not on the water. America 3 was allowed to make the midseries change because the foundation had allowed Conner to scrap a disastrous tandem keel after Stars & Stripes lost the first three races of round two.

America 3 also featured a beefed-up afterguard, and the foundation president and skipper, Bill Koch, stayed on shore. Koch, who has been criticized for not fixing a set afterguard, played musical chairs again and assigned front-liners to America 3.

Buddy Meiges, whom Koch called the best light-air skipper in the world, took the wheel. He was joined by helmsman Kimmo Worthington, also noted by Koch to have better light-air skill, navigator Bill Campbell and tactician Dave DeLennbaum.

Campbell said the keel helped, but wasn't sure how much of a difference it made.

"We weren't entirely unhappy with our speed with Dennis in this kind of breeze previous to the mode change," Campbell said. "In that regard, it's hard to say."

The challenger semifinals will wrap up on Thursday with a preview of the finals: New Zealand facing Italy, France and Japan will meet in the other race.

The best-of-13 defender finals begin April 18 and the best-of-9 challenger finals, the next day.

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For Ashe, AIDS Is One More In a Long List of Challenges

By Michael Wilbon

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — I'd see Arthur Ashe in the press box at the U.S. Open, or Wimbledon, or here in the sports department of The Washington Post, and he looked thin. Awfully thin, really. But he'd always been slight of build even as a tennis champion. And considering he'd had one heart attack, followed by two bypass operations, well, if he wasn't in the greatest of health then it had to be a heart thing, right?

I'd hear the speculation — you know what kind of speculation — and ignore it. Arthur Ashe was my childhood hero, the only man other than my father I wanted to be like. He's been my adult hero, too, even though I could never bring myself to tell him. Not Arthur Ashe, I'd think when I saw him looking so tired and thin. I'm not sure I'd ever met anybody more honest and ethical and compassionate and involved and committed to things in life that truly mattered. Not Arthur Ashe.

Yes, tragically, Arthur Ashe. Ashe, his wife, Jeanne, many doctors in the New York medical community and apparently some of the couple's closest friends have known for nearly four years that Ashe had AIDS, passed to him from a contaminated blood transfusion following one of his two bypass operations, most likely the one in 1983.

He had worried, with good reason, that "fear, caution and ignorance" about AIDS would conspire to make his life and that of his family more stressful than it already had to be, plus make it difficult to finish the work he currently feels strong enough to tackle.

It's been so long, and Ashe has taken on so many challenges — author, columnist, teacher, board member, philanthropist, activist — that it's easy to forget he won the NCAA title at UCLA in 1965, the inaugural U.S. Open in 1968, the Australian Open in 1970, and, of course, Wimbledon

in 1975. Arthur Ashe never became an ex-jock; he worked. Passionately, constantly. The tennis court is the place where he attracted our attention initially, but for him it was merely a launching pad. To improving education, to fighting apartheid.

I remember being aware of Arthur Ashe in the late '60s, but like a lot of other black teenagers, I was transfixed by him during the Wimbledon championships of 1975. There was no way, supposedly, he'd beat Jimmy Connors.

Every time I saw Ashe on television as a teenager I felt a sense of pride no other person outside my family ever elicited. Ashe took stands. Hard stands, some of which were unpopular with other prominent blacks, like his going to South Africa and coming out in favor of ending athletic scholarships for low-achieving college freshmen.

In his 1981 autobiography "Of The Court," Ashe wrote: "I believe that I was destined to do more than hit tennis balls. The abrupt end of my tennis career only accelerated my search for another way I can make a contribution."

In recent years, largely because of those unpopular stands, there had been a quiet backlash. As we regress to thinking black America had to be some homogenous community where everybody did the same things, listened to the same music and played the same sports, Ashe was portrayed occasionally as some sort of quasi-elitist tennis snob.

"A lot of people think of me as detached, aloof, cold," Ashe wrote. "I am detached somewhat, and maybe a little aloof, but I'm not cold. I have a lot of empathy for people in general, for the underdog, for people in embarrassing situations."

That was a sentence Arthur Ashe never should have been put in a position to have to write because perhaps no athlete in recent times has been as responsible, as astute, as involved in all that swirled about him.

"I have always tried to be true to myself, to pick those battles I felt were important," he wrote. "My ultimate responsibility is to myself."

And for that, some of us owe him a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid.

Mediator Named to Break Impasse in NHL Strike

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In an effort to nudge both sides toward a solution that could unlock the impasse and salvage the National Hockey League season, a federal mediator has entered the strike picture.

But even he conceded that there was little he could accomplish if both sides continued to resist.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington announced Wednesday that John Martin of the agency's Boston office had been assigned to intervene in the dispute that has resulted in a walkout by the players.

The strike began April 1 and threatens the Stanley Cup playoffs, as well as the long-term success of the game.

Martin was ordered by the agency's direc-

tor, Bernard E. DeLury, to contact the NHL Players Association executive director, Bob Goodenow, and the NHL president, John Ziegler. Late Wednesday, Martin said that he had spoken with lawyers for both sides, but not with Goodenow or Ziegler.

Goodenow said in a telephone interview from Toronto that he had heard about the appointment but, "I haven't seen anything on my desk today."

In a telephone interview from Boston, Martin said "we are reaching out" to both sides, but he conceded he didn't know what could be done.

"I don't know if this is the right time," he said. "Should the parties resist, there's nothing we can do to force them."

The mediation service has no power to enforce binding arbitration. Its services are

usually employed when two sides admit they can't come to an agreement. Martin said his agency decided to get involved on Tuesday when negotiations broke down and the union said the two sides were at an impasse.

The players rejected a proposal Tuesday from the negotiating committee that represents the owners. The day before, the league's board of governors refused to vote on a players' proposal.

Technically, the players had until 3 P.M. Thursday to accept or reject what management is calling its last package. But it was turned down unanimously on Tuesday by the players' negotiating committee and the league's board of governors.

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BOOKS

OLYMPIA: Paris in the Age of Manet

By Otto Friedrich. Illustrated. 329 pages. \$28. HarperCollins Publishers, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WHAT browser through books on modern painting has not been stunned upon first seeing a reproduction of Edouard Manet's "Olympia," the portrait of the ivory-colored nude with the dark-skinned attendant and the black cat at her feet?

Otto Friedrich is right to celebrate the fascination that "Olympia" exerts over its viewers. And he is right to point out what an added shock it is to visit the Musée d'Orsay in Paris and see the actual painting, the large size of which makes its subject seem overwhelmingly real, not a figurine but a woman.

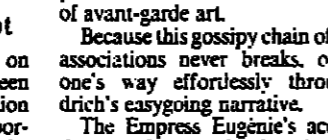
It is the curiosity of Manet's painting that makes it so easy to tumble into Friedrich's new history, which begins with the author explaining how his wonder over this work of art inspired him to choose it as his handle for a book about Paris, the city that Walter Benjamin once called "the capital of the 19th century."

And one is hardly put off by the further subjects the painting provokes Friedrich to discuss, among them the identity

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

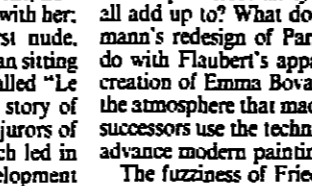
ON the diagrammed deal, the opening heart lead was won by dummy's queen and the top clubs were cashed. A club was surrendered to West, who shifted to a spade. South captured the jack with the ace and cashed dummy's two club winners. East had already given up two diamonds and gave up another diamond and a spade. The sequel proved this to be a subtle error, for after South cashed his A-K of diamonds the position was this:



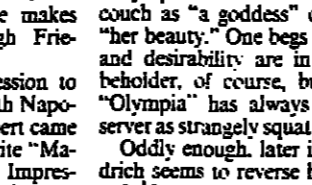
When the diamond four was led to the queen West was in trouble. He could not spare a heart, and he could see that a discard of the spade eight would allow South to lead that suit for an endplay. He did the best he could by throwing the spade king, but South was ready for that. He led to the heart ace and played the spade nine, scoring dummy's ten at the finish.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

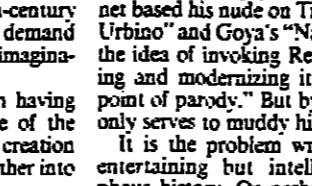
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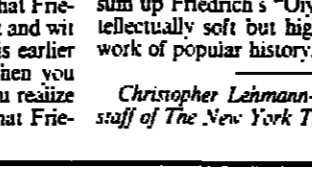
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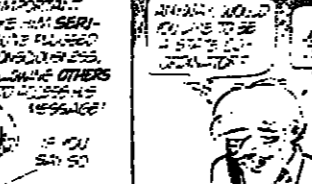
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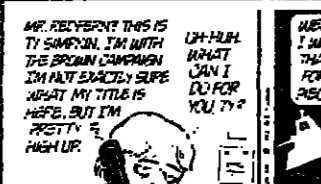
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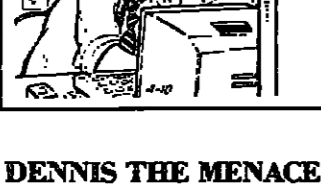
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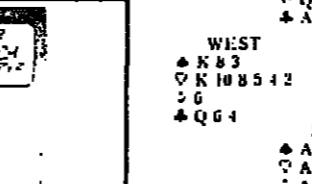


JUMBLE

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It's really dark out. Does that mean the moon's on empty?

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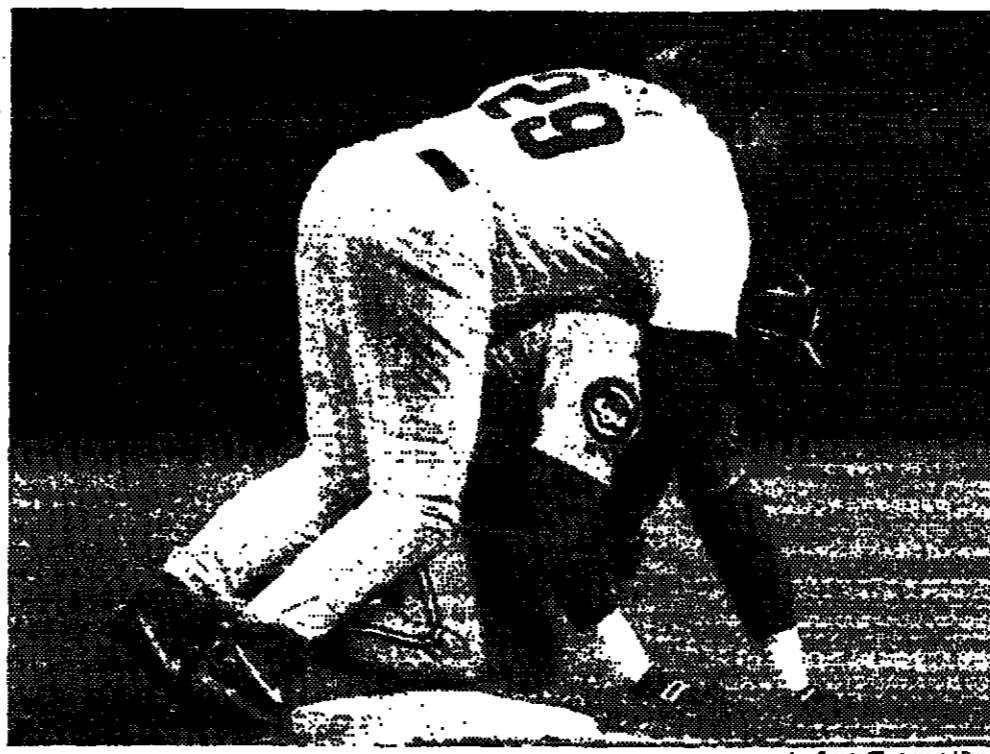


SPORTS BASEBALL

No Charges Against 3 Mets

Florida Authorities Announce Result of Rape Inquiry

PORT PIERCE, Fla.—No charges will be filed against three New York Mets accused of sexual battery by a New York City woman...



Sammy Sosa of the Cubs escaped the piggyback hold of the Phillies' John Kruk to reach base.

Brewers' Surhoff Hits Grand Slam To Beat Twins, 9-5

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches For B.J. Surhoff, beating an ace reliever like Minnesota's Rick Aguilera meant more than his grand slam...

AMERICAN LEAGUE The bottom of the ninth gave the Brewers a 9-5 victory over the Twins on Wednesday night in Milwaukee...

With Amaro in for Dykstra, Phillies Clobber Cubs

Ruben Amaro, filling in for the injured Lenny Dykstra, hit his first major league homer, had two doubles, scored three runs and drove in three as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Chicago Cubs, 11-3...

despite allowing Delino DeShields' inside-the-park homer to center in the second inning. Braves 3, Astros 1 in Houston. John Smoltz gave up one run and five hits in eight-plus innings for Atlanta and carried a shutout into the ninth...

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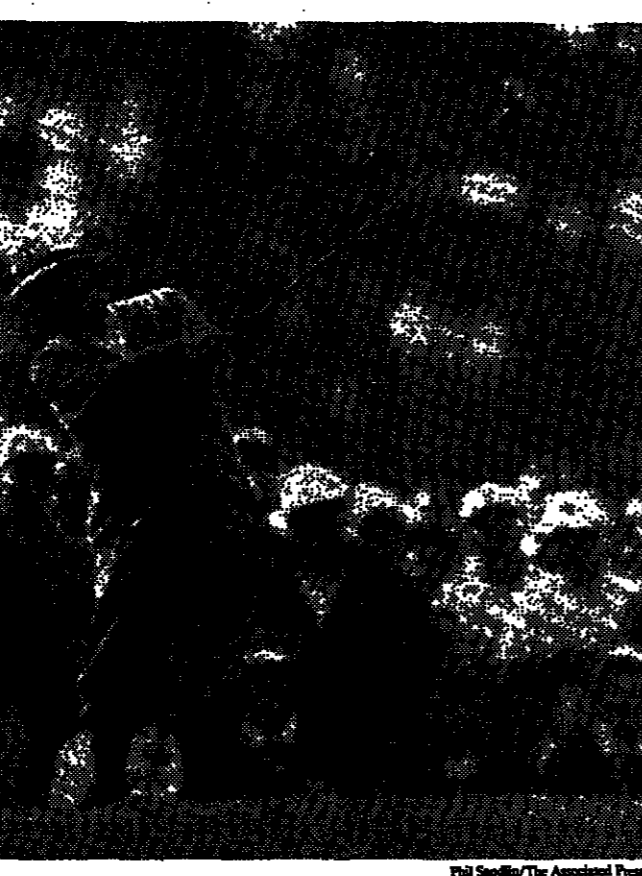
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John Daly, the 1992 Masters champion, teeing off to open the 1992 tournament on Thursday.

Masters Debut of John Daly: It Must Be Heaven

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service AUGUSTA, Georgia — As John Daly walked down the first fairway at Augusta National Golf Club for the first time in his life, huge galleries leaned against the ropes to watch him launch his towering tee shots...

he played, shot him from obscurity to fame in four days, and to handle the attention, he's had to grow up in a hurry. Everywhere he goes, fans swarm. Children tug on his arm for an autograph or a golf ball...

as he says she had told him. And it hurt to know that she had married twice before she met him, not once as he says he had been led to believe. Other revelations have hurt John Daly too.

"John basically is a generous, fun-loving guy who's 25 years old — people sometimes forget that," Mascarello said. "He understands the responsibilities of his winning the title, but he's still going to be himself."

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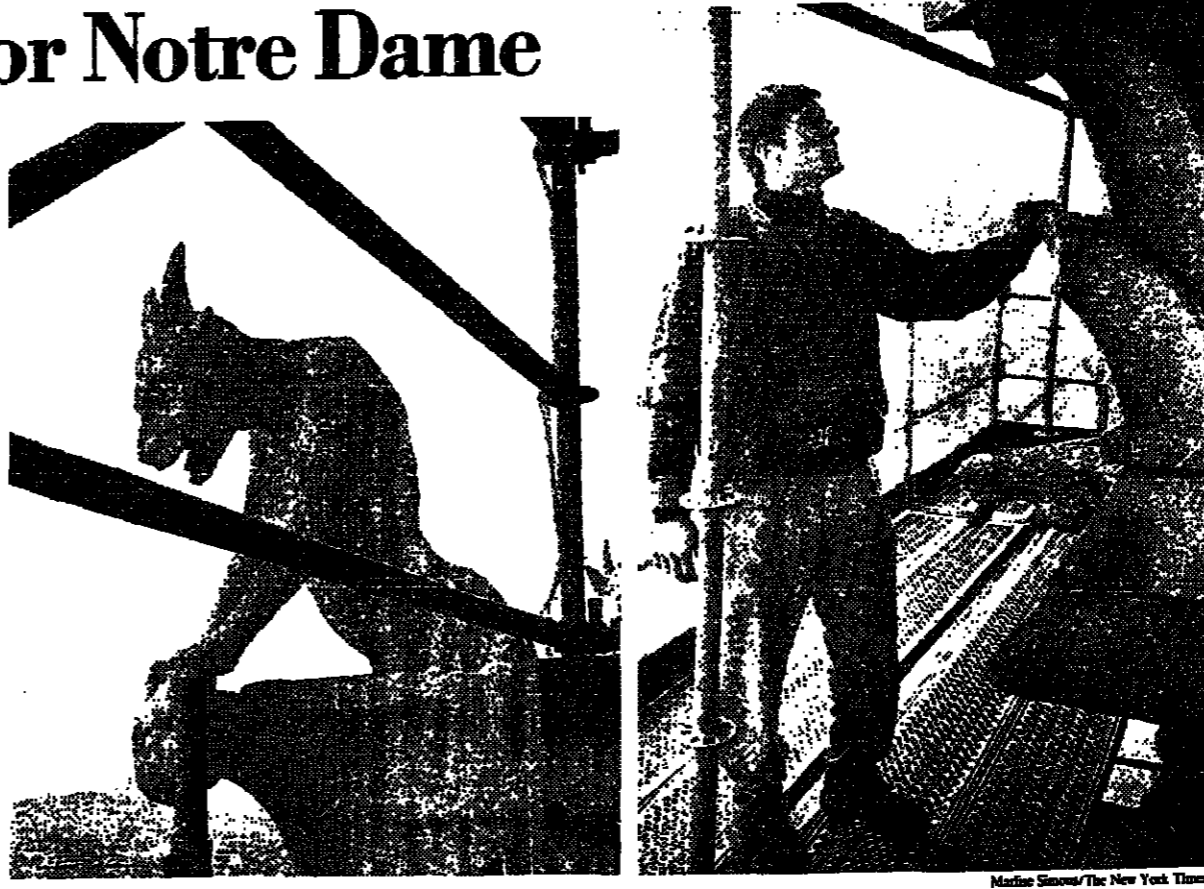
Trafficking in Poesy

By Russell Baker
(Editor's Note: We apologize to our readers for Mr. Baker's column today. Regrettably, sustaining his membership in the Association of American Newspaper Columnists and Allied Journalists Licensed to Traffic in Profundities requires him to publish one column each year wading in the muck of the mystical-poetical, philosophical, philosophical-poetical or philosophical-historical without base ball.)

Face-Lift for Notre Dame

By Marise Simons
New York Times Service

PARIS—Now a cherished monument, the cathedral of Notre Dame has not always been well treated by the citizens of Paris. They have tried to blow it up, they have smashed its statues, they have scrubbed it clean and they have cycled through the aisles. A less violent but perhaps more insidious form of attack, however, has left the 800-year-old Notre Dame with its outer walls damaged, its turrets and buttresses eroded and its famous gargoyles without beaks and ears. And here the culprit is the modern enemy of medieval buildings: polluted air. Now, for the first time in 140 years, France's most visited cathedral is about to undergo a major restoration. Its keepers say that many of the outer stones are "fragile and sick" and too many chunks of the decorations have fallen off. They estimate that the work will take 10 years and cost at least \$20 million.



Scaffolding and netting cage Notre Dame's famed gargoyles as Eric Salmon examines damaged carvings.

monument for the last three years, is a great admirer of the 12th- and 13th-century builders. "It looks so balanced, so symmetric," he said. Yet in reality, he continued, "much of the building is crooked. Horizontal and vertical lines were not necessarily respected. The wall faces are not straight. We can see the designers were masters, but the execution was sometimes primitive." It is this assembly of the masons and improvisers, the architect says, that gives aged structures the character and feeling not found in the cold lines of modern buildings. And in the great European debate about how far restoration should be permitted to go, the restorers of the Notre Dame say they have come down on the side of "soft" and "respectful" interventions. Their most important task, Fonguerne said, is to protect the monument's authenticity. It means that all stones and carvings will be cut by hand. "This cathedral was made by many pairs of hands and each pair was different," he said. "We cannot put in stones or lines that are too perfectly cut. It would be harsh, create too much contrast."

On the scaffolding, 250 feet above Paris, Fonguerne and Salmon raised their voice above the roar of unrelenting traffic on the banks along both sides of the Ile de la Cité. At this height, damage is greater. The men poked at stones so worn they were rounded and flaking. Here, up close, was a wounded gargoyle of broken gargoyles, monsters without snouts, flowers without their petals. A lot of the work will involve correcting the efforts of the 19th-century restorers, who used cement, even lead, to seal many joints. All of this will have to be removed. Salmon said builders used a porous mixture, permitting water to pass through the stones, he said, but cement is less porous. The water stagnates and ruins the stones. Fonguerne said that to his regret he had to build a barrier on the towers to prevent visitors from committing suicide. "It happens," he said, "and they have killed others down below." Probing a fractured monster, the architect returned to the question of authenticity, which he finds troubling. "However careful we are," he said, "ours will be repairs and stones made in 1992. We are changing the monument. Our civilization pushes us to conserve and preserve, to make something lasting that is not made for eternity." In his years of restoring monuments around France though, he said, he has learned a few lessons about old buildings. One of them is to look out for falling stones. "I never park my car under the foot of a cathedral," he said, and laughed.

PEOPLE

Hostage's Free Spirit

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Terry Anderson, the Associated Press reporter held hostage in Lebanon for nearly seven years, will receive a \$245,500 cash award from the Freedom Forum, Allen H. Neuharth, the group's chairman, announced. Anderson was designated the first recipient of the group's Free Spirit Award and will receive \$100 for each of the 2,455 days he spent in captivity, Neuharth said. The award, he said, "is designed to focus attention on the long, hard battle that Terry fought and won to keep his spirit free."

"Casablanca," which is making a 50th-anniversary comeback on movie-house screens, conjures up romantic images, but Pia Lindstrom, Ingrid Bergman's daughter, says the mood on the set was more cross than star-crossed. "My mother was somewhat prickly about this movie," she told a crowd of 700 at New York's Museum of Modern Art, where a party and screening of the film were held. "Humphrey Bogart was unhappy and irritable during the shooting, and though they were known as the quintessential lovers, they didn't get along particularly well. . . . And Paul Henreid hated the white suit. He said no one escaping a concentration camp would wear a white suit."

The police on Thursday could not say if it was a joke or a sabotage. For the opera fans it was an intolerable affront at Milan's La Scala. Riccardo Muti stopped a soloist performance of Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" for 20 minutes because of the steady buzz of an alarm clock hidden under the conductor's podium.

Israel gave back to Jordan a horse that wandered from the stable of Crown Prince Hassan, brother of King Hussein, and swam from Akaba to Elat in Israel. Because of the state of war between the countries, a United Nations soldier took the reins from Israeli troops at a desert checkpoint Thursday and led the horse into Jordan, where a royal emissary was waiting. Elat, a port on the Red Sea, is held by Yitzhak Shamir of Israel, said "Horses know no boundaries. We see no reason why we should not follow in the footsteps of the Jordanian horse who sought friendship with Israeli horses."

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